EXHIBIT 2

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                                                                     For Defendant Cook County and the County Defendants:
                NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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                                                                                Brian P. Gainer
                      EASTERN DIVISION
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                                                                              Johnson & Bell, Ltd.
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                                                                               33 West Monroe Street
5 John Fulton.
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                                                                                  Suite 2700
            Plaintiff.
                                                                              Chicago, Illinois 60603
       vs.
                                  Case Number 1:2020cv03118
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                                                                          RECORDER: Zoom is recording. Good morning.
                                                                    We are now on the record. Today is Wednesday, May 3rd,
10 Robert Bartik et al.,
                                                                 10 2023. The time is now 11:03 a.m. We are meeting
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            Defendants.
                                                                 11 remotely today for the deposition of Dr. Richard Leo in
                                                                 12 the matter of John Fulton v. Robert Bartik et al., case
13 Anthony Mitchell,
                                                                 13 number 1:2020cv03118, and Anthony Mitchell v. Robert
                                                                 14 Bartik et al., case number 1:2020cv03119. The venue is
            Plaintiff.
                                                                 15 Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. Dr.
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                                  Case Number 1:2020cv03119
                                                                 16 Leo, my name is Maigan Hogan. I am a notary public,
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                                                                 17 and I'm recording this deposition on behalf of Exhibit
                                                                 18 5, LLC. This deposition is being recorded remotely via
18 Robert Bartik et al.,
                                                                 19 Zoom in accordance with Illinois Public Act 101-0640.
                                                                 20 Dr. Leo, would you please state and spell your legal
                                                                 21 first and last name for the record?
                Deposition of Dr. Richard Leo
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                                                                       A. Sure. My first name is Richard, spelled
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                                                                 23 R-i-c-h-a-r-d. My last name is Leo, spelled L-e-o.
                        May 3rd, 2023
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                                                                          RECORDER: Thank you. The attorneys have
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                                                                 25 agreed to stipulate that the witness does not need to
                   Zoom Remote Deposition
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                  APPEARANCES
                                                                  1 present a valid photo ID to the reporter to verify his
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                                                                  2 identity for this deposition. At this time, would the
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               For the Plaintiffs:
                                                                    witness's attorney please confirm that the witness
                                                                  4 appearing today is, in fact, Dr. Richard Leo since he
                Julia T. Rickert
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                 Loevy & Loevy
             311 North Aberdeen Street
                                                                           MS. RICKERT: This -- this is Julia Rickert
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                                                                    of Loevy & Loevy on behalf of Plaintiffs, and I
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                  3rd Floor
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                                                                    stipulate that this is Dr. Richard Leo.
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     For the Chicago Police Department Defendant Officers:
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                                                                    in the virtual room please stipulate that it is okay to
               Matthew J. McCarter
                                                                    administer the oath to Dr. Leo even though he's not
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              Nathan & Kamionski, LLP
                                                                 12 currently located in the state of Illinois?
                                                                          MR. MCCARTER: Matthew McCarter on behalf of
               33 West Monroe Street
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                                                                 14 the Defendant CPD Officers. I so stipulate.
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                  Suite 1830
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                                                                          MR. GAINER: Brian Gainer on behalf of Cook
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                                                                    County and the Cook County Defendants. I stipulate.
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          For the Defendant City of Chicago:
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                                                                    City of Chicago. So stipulated.
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                Carolyn E. Isaac
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            Michael Best & Friedrich LLP
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              790 North Water Street
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                                                                          MS. RICKERT: Yeah, I -- I -- I did at the
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                  Suite 2500
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            Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
                                                                 22 beginning, but sure. This is Julia Rickert on behalf
                                                                    of Plaintiffs, and I stipulate that this is Dr. Leo.
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                                                                          RECORDER: It -- it was just the out of state
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                                                                 25 portion, but thank you.
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Page 5 Page 7 0:04:31 MS. RICKERT: Oh. I see. Yes. 1 A. It does. Thank you for the reminder. 1 2 RECORDER: Thank you. At this time, would 2 Q. Okay. If at any time you would like to take you please raise your right hand for the oath? 3 a break, Doctor, you may do so. I would just require 4 that we not take a break during a pending question. (Witness sworn) 5 Does that make sense as well? 5 RECORDER: Thank you. And the attorneys have A. Yes. 6 stated their appearances for the record. So that 7 completes the required information. We can proceed. Q. And I'm sure you're aware of the other rules, 8 **EXAMINATION** Doctor, but just to remind you, just please answer out loud to all questions. Our court reporter here is BY MR. MCCARTER: going to be unable to take down any "uh-huhs" or Q. Morning, Dr. Leo. 10 "uh-uhs," as they appear the same on a transcript. And 11 A. Good morning. Q. My name is Matthew McCarter. I'm one of the 12 if you don't understand a question that I ask, if you 12 13 would do -- please ask me to rephrase it or repeat it, attorneys that represents the Defendants in this case. And I'm going to be starting out your deposition asking 14 that way I know that you understood all my questions. 15 Do those make sense as well? you some questions today. A. Yes. A. Okay. Great. Thanks. 16 16 17 Q. Okay. If -- if -- first, can you just tell 17 Q. Now, Doctor, in preparing to testify today, 18 did you speak with Plaintiff's Counsel? us if anyone else is in the room with you? 19 A. No one else is in the room. My dog might be 19 A. I did. 20 Q. Now, I don't want to get into the substantive 20 here, but other than that --21 details of your discussion, but can you tell me when 21 Q. If he has --22 the last time you spoke with Plaintiff's Counsel was? 22 A. -- no one in the room. 0:03:01 23 A. This morning. 23 Q. If he has got any testimony to offer, we will 24 Q. And is that Ms. Ricket -- Rickert -- excuse 24 notice him for a deposition later. Can you tell us 25 me -- who joins us here today? 25 what, if any, documents you have in your office Page 6 Page 8 1 available to you that are relevant to the opinions A. Yes. 2 you're going to be offering today? Was there anyone else present? 2 A. Well, the only document I have in front of me 3 4 is my report. And -- and I just reached for a blank Q. And I understand you to be in California. 5 notepad in case I needed to write anything down to Was that conversation over the phone or via Zoom? 6 answer your questions, but accessible to me in this A. Over the phone. Q. Okay. How many meetings in total have you 7 office would be binders of materials related to this 7 case that are listed in the report in -- under the 8 had with anyone from Plaintiff's Counsel? "materials reviewed" section of my report. A. Well, I -- I haven't had any in-person 10 10 meetings, if that's the question. Q. Are all the items that are listed under 11 "materials reviewed" section of your report available 11 Q. Well, let me rephrase, Doctor. When I say 12 to you in your office, or is anything unavailable? "meetings," I'm referring to any meeting, whether it be 13 in person, on the phone, or over Zoom, such as we are 13 A. To my knowledge, they're all available. It's possible I was provided something electronically that I here today. So with that understanding, how many times 15 didn't print out, but it's my practice to print 15 have you met with Plaintiff's Counsel prior to today? 16 everything out and review documents in paper form, not A. I don't know the exact number. I would 17 estimate half a dozen times, possibly more. 17 on computer. Q. Can you tell me how long those meetings were? 18 Q. Okay. I know you have given a deposition 18 before. I just want to go over a couple of ground Actually, let me rephrase that. Can you tell me how 20 rules because we're on Zoom today. As we are on Zoom, 20 long the longest meeting was? 21 if you would pause just a moment after I do ask a 21 A. Off the top of my head, no. I -- I -- I 22 would estimate around an hour, maybe two hours. 22 question, just to give your attorney or any other 23 23 attorneys an opportunity to object, and then continue Q. Okay. Every meeting that you had with 24 your answer after the objection, if allowed to do so. 24 Plaintiff's Counsel, was it Ms. Rickert or anyone else

25 from the firm of Loevy & Loevy?

25 Does that make sense?

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- A. It was not just with Ms. Rickert. It was
- 2 with other people in the firm as well.
- 3 Q. Do you recall the names of those other
- 4 people?
- 5 A. Russell Ainsworth in addition to Ms. Rickert.
- 6 O. Anvone else?

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- 7 A. Not that I recall.
- 8 Q. Doctor, when did you first become involved in
- 9 this case? And what I mean by "this case" -- I mean
- 10 both the -- the Fulton and the Mitchell matter that
- 11 bring us here today.
- 12 A. I don't recall when I was initially retained
- 13 in this case. Sometime within the last year or so.
- 14 Q. How were you contacted regarding your initial
- 15 involvement in this case?
- 16 A. It would have either been by email or phone
- 17 call.
- 18 Q. Do you recall which?
- 19 A. I do not.

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- Q. Do you recall who initially contacted you?
- 21 A. My best recollection is that it would have
- 22 been Russell Ainsworth.
- 23 Q. Now, Doctor, as you mentioned earlier, you
- 24 have included, in your report, a list of materials that
- 25 you reviewed. How were you provided those materials?

- A. No.
- 2 MR. MCCARTER: For the record, Johnitta,
- 3 J-o-h-n-i-t-t-a.
- Q. Doctor, have you ever spoken to Antonio Shaw?
- A. No
- Q. Now, you're here today testifying in
- 7 connection with opinions you drew in both the -- the
- 8 Fulton and Mitchell case, that's correct?
- 9 A. Yes. 0:10:14
- 10 Q. Do you have any opinions regarding Mr. Shaw's
- 11 arrest and prosecution in connection with the Collazo
- 12 murder?
- 13 A. Only what I mentioned in my report. I just
- 14 have to refresh my recollection.
- 15 Q. You could just tell us what you're referring
- 16 to, Doctor.
- 17 A. Yeah, I'm just looking at my report, dated
- 18 March 7th, 2023, addressed to Russell Ainsworth that is
- 19 the -- is the report that I -- we were -- that I
- 20 believe we were referring to earlier.
- Q. Give me one moment, Doctor. I'm going to put
- 2 that on the screen here, just so we can --
- 23 A. Yeah, that's the report. I thought I
- 24 mentioned somewhere in this report -- I'm not finding
- 25 it now -- that I didn't review the materials -- or I --

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- 1 Is that something that you were sent hard copies,
- 2 electronic format?
- 3 A. I believe I was sent both hard copies and
- 4 electronic, but I don't recall specifically.
- 5 Q. And we can go ahead and mark your report as
- 6 Exhibit 1 here. Doctor, other than your report, your
- 7 CV, and a list of cases that you have previously 8 testified either at trial or at a deposition, did you
- 9 provide any other materials to Plaintiff's Counsel?
- 10 A. Not that I recall. 0:09:09
- 11 Q. You didn't prepare any charts, graphic, or
- 12 statistical analysis?
- 13 A. Correct. I did not.
- 14 Q. Now, in preparing your report, was there any
- 15 material that you wanted to review but just didn't get
- 16 an opportunity to?
- 17 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 18 Q. In preparing your report, Doctor, did you
- 19 talk to any witnesses?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Never spoken to Mr. Sid Taylor?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Have you ever spoken to Mr. Marcus Marinelli?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. Have you ever spoken to Ms. Johnitta Griffin?

- 1 I didn't analyze materials on Antonio Shaw. And so I
- 2 wasn't offering any opinions -- specific opinions about
- 3 Antonio Shaw here, but that I would reserve the right
- 4 to do that, if asked, and if I reviewed materials
- 5 specific to his case.
- 6 Q. As we sit here today, Doctor, are you going
- 7 to be offering any opinions regarding Mr. Shaw's arrest
- 8 and prosecution in connection with the Collazo murder?
- A. I don't know because I don't get to ask
- 10 myself questions. So if this case were to go to trial,
- 11 I could imagine that that would be something I would be
- 12 asked about, but I don't know.
- 13 Q. Okay. My question is a little bit different.
- 14 And it's a little -- it's specific to today. As we sit
- 15 here today, are you prepared to offer any opinions
- 16 regarding Mr. Shaw's arrest and prosecution in
- 17 connection with the Collazo murder?
- A. If I were provided documents that I had
- 19 reviewed that refreshed my recollection, I certainly
- 20 could provide some opinions. I didn't study that case
- 21 closely when preparing the report, but you know, he --
- 22 I remember, for example, he was 15 years old, that his
- 23 statement got suppressed. So with -- with appropriate
- 24 foundation and refreshing of recollection of -- of
- 25 anything I reviewed, sure, I could provide an opinion,

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1 if asked.

O. Okay. But if I understand you correctly, in

3 your report -- and strike that. Let's do this first.

- 4 Doctor, can you see the document that I placed on the
- 5 screen?

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- A. Yes. 0:13:12
- 7 Q. And you recognize this document?
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- Q. And this is a copy of the report that you
- 10 prepared in connection with both the Fulton and the
- Mitchell case, correct?
- 12 A. Correct. Yeah.
- 13 Q. Okay. And just so we're clear, we have
- 14 marked this as Exhibit 1 to your deposition. Now,
- Doctor, in this report, you don't offer any opinions
- 16 regarding the reliability of any statements that Mr.
- 17 Shaw made to investigators in connection with his
- involvement in the Collazo murder, correct?
- 19 A. I would modify -- I just want to be really
- 20 clear. I don't offer any opinions about indicia
- 21 reliability or indicia of unreliability, correct.
- Q. Okay. In your -- strike that. Now, Doctor,
- you -- you reviewed the statement by Ms. Griffin to
- 24 police in connection with the Collazo murder, correct?
 - A. Correct.

- 1 of indicia of unreliability that applied in Mr. Fulton
- 2 and Mr. Mitchell's sections, but it also applies here.
- It's essentially the same analysis.
 - Q. So if I understand all that correctly,
- Doctor, it is not your opinion today that Ms. Griffin
- was untruthful to investigators, that's correct?
- MS. RICKERT: Objection to form and
- foundation.
 - 0:16:12 Q. You can answer.
- A. Yeah, I -- I think that oversimplifies my 10
- opinion. It's not my opinion that anyone is being
- truthful or untruthful. That is for the trier of fact
- to decide. It is my opinion that there are substantial
- indicia of unreliability in her statement implicating
- Mr. Fulton and Mr. Mitchell for the reasons that I
- state in the report.
- Q. So you're not giving any opinions, either in your report or today, here, at your deposition, that
- either Mr. Fulton, Ms. Griffin, or Mr. Mitchell was
- either truthful or "un," correct?
- A. I'm not making any credibility assessments,
- correct. I'm simply evaluating the evidence that I was
- presented, the different accounts, and saying, "If I
- 24 credit one account, here's what follows from the
- 25 science. If I credit another account, here's what

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- Q. Do you have an opinion on if she was truthful in her statements?
- A. Well, it's not for me to say whether somebody
- 4 is truthful or not. That's not the role of my
- 5 expertise. So I could point out, based on the
- 6 scientific research literature, indicia of reliability
- or indicia of unreliability based on different --
- different people's accounts and the objective facts.
- So I -- I do have an opinion that there are numerous
- indicia of unreliability in her statement implicating
- 11 Mr. Fulton and Mr. Mitchell. And in the report, I do
- 12 address that, at least, by reference. So on page 72 of
- 13 the report, subsection 8, the -- that under the -- the 14 title, "Indicia of Unreliability," I briefly discuss
- 15 that there are indicia of unreliability in her
- 16 interrogation-induced statement and that the -- those
- 17 indicia of unreliability are essentially the same as
- 18 the indicia of unreliability extensively discussed
- 19 earlier in the report in the sections on Mr. Fulton and
- 20 Mr. Mitchell and the indicia of unreliability for their
- 21 statements. Essentially, here, at page 72, because the
- 22 report had gone on so long, I basically was
- 23 incorporating those sections here by reference. It
- 24 didn't seem to make sense, at this stage in the report,
- 25 72 single-space pages in, to repeat the same analysis

- 1 follows from the science. And with respect to the
- 2 indicia of reliability or indicia of unreliability of
- 3 -- of the statements, based on my analysis of -- of the
- 4 evidence and the relevant science, here are my
- conclusions."
- Q. Okay. I will move to strike all portion of
- the answer that is nonresponsive after either "yes" or
- "no." Now, Doctor, if you can, just listen to my
- question. Answer only the question that's asked. I
- think that will help today's deposition move along at a
- relatively speedy pace.
- MS. RICKERT: I want to object to that. You
- 13 have -- he can answer the questions that he is asked
- thoroughly and in the manner that he feels is
- appropriate.
- Q. Doctor, did you view -- interview any Chicago 17 police officers in preparing your report for this case?
 - A. I did not, no.
 - Q. Okay. Have you ever, in your official
- capacity, interviewed a Chicago police officer? 20
 - A. Not that I recall.
- 22 Q. Okay. Did you talk with Mr. Anthony Mitchell
- prior to preparing your report?
- A. I did not. 24
- Q. Have you ever talked to Anthony Mitchell? 25

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Page 17 Page 19 A. No. 1 prior reports. 2 Q. Have you ever spoken to Mr. John Fulton? Q. Does your report contain all of your opinions 3 regarding the Fulton and Mitchell case? Q. Doctor, did you review any materials to A. To this date, yes, it does contain all of my 5 prepare to testify here today different than the 5 opinions. I think, at the very end, "I reserve the 6 materials that you reviewed from -- for your report? right to modify any opinions," if provided additional information or if new testimony comes to my attention. Q. Have you reviewed materials since drafting That's on page 77 of the report. 9 your report in preparation for your testimony here Q. Okay. But since drafting this report, you 10 today? 10 have not received any new documents or had any new 11 A. No. 11 testimony pointed out to you where you have formed new 12 Q. So the last time you looked at any documents 12 opinions that you haven't yet included in this report, 13 regarding this case was in preparation of drafting your 13 is that fair? A. Correct. 0:21:46 14 report, is that fair? 14 15 WITNESS: I just need to --MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 0:18:56 15 16 A. I -- I may have misunderstood your question 16 MR. MCCARTER: We -- we can go off the record 17 -- your prior question. Just to clarify, I did review 17 --some materials in preparation --18 WITNESS: The dog came in. 19 Q. Hold on, Doctor. Before you answer a 19 MR. MCCARTER: -- for a moment. WITNESS: I don't need a break. I just need 20 question that you think I asked, let -- why don't I 20 21 just do my best to clear it up? In preparing to 21 two seconds. Okay. I'm back. MR. MCCARTER: And we can go back on the 22 testify here today, have you reviewed any documents 22 23 since drafting your report? 23 record. 24 24 Q. Now, Doctor, you're charging Plaintiff's firm A. I have rereviewed some documents. I did not 25 \$500 an hour to review materials and prepare your 25 review any new documents. Page 18 Page 20 Q. Can you tell us which documents you have 1 report in this case, is that correct? Looks like you 2 rereviewed? nodded your head. Is that a "yes"? A. Yes, I rereviewed my report, and I rereviewed 3 A. Yes, I was just -- I just wanted to look at 4 the police reports that I was provided in this case. 4 the report. Yes, those are the documents that I rereviewed. 5 Q. Sure. A. I wasn't nodding my head. I just wanted to 6 Q. Doctor, did you -- did you write your full 7 report? confirm. Yeah, it's on page 2 in the report, yes. 8 Q. Is that the same rate you're charging for 9 Q. As opposed to, maybe, dictating portions of your testimony here today? 10 it? A. No, I am charging -- in depositions, I charge A. No, I -- I wrote the whole report. 0:20:03 11 a flat fee. I don't know if that invoice was forwarded 11 O. Okay. Is any part of your report a to you or not. 12 Q. What is the flat fee you charge for 13 duplication of any prior work you have conducted? 13 14 A. Yes, some parts of the report may be a 14 depositions? A. \$5,000 for a day, a daily rate. 0:22:39 15 duplication of prior reports, if that's what you're 15 16 asking. 16 Q. And is that -- what rate do you charge to prepare for your deposition? 17 Q. Can you identify for us which parts? And I 17 A. The rate to prepare for the deposition would 18 know I have the document on the screen, Doctor. If you 18 be the hourly rate, \$500 per hour. would want to refer us to a page number or would like 19 20 me to scroll down, please just say so. 20 Q. Okay. So far, can you tell us how much you A. No, the -- the "qualifications" section would 21 have charged Plaintiff's firm for your work in this 21 22 case? 22 have drawn on prior reports. And the general 23 A. I think around \$50,000, give or take, maybe 23 discussions would have drawn on prior reports. There 24 \$40,000. I'm not sure the exact amount, somewhere in 24 -- I might have made some modifications along the way. 25 I usually do, but those sections would have drawn on 25 that range, \$40,000 or \$50,000.

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- Q. How many hours have you spent reviewing 1
- 2 materials in connection with this case?
- A. I don't recall off the top of my head, but
- 4 many, many hours, 40 hours, 50 hours, 60 hours, maybe
- 5 30 hours, something like that.
- Q. How many hours have you spent drafting your 7 report?
- A. I would say the same. The -- the two are --
- 9 are related to each other. Initially, I review
- 10 materials, and then I review and synthesize again as I
- 11 prepare the report. So, again, thirty -- between 30
- 12 and 50 hours maybe, 40 hours.
- 13 Q. How do you keep track of the hours that you
- 14 spent on any particular case?
- A. I make time sheets, and then I convert them
- 16 when I -- and then I convert them to an itemized bill,
- 17 and then I submit the bill. And when I submit the
- 18 bill, I no longer have -- I -- I get rid of the time
- 20 Q. So -- so once you turn the time sheets into a
- 21 bill, you then destroy the time sheets. Is that what I
- 22 understand?
- 23 A. Correct -- well, recycle. Correct. Yeah. 0:24:28
- 24 Q. Okay. How many invoices have you issued to
- 25 Plaintiff's firm for your work in this case?

- 1 able to do that for us today?
- A. No, it would -- it would be a guess. It
- 3 would -- it -- I -- I have no way of providing an
- accurate answer off the top of my head.
- Q. Let's take the two together then. Is it
- possible for you to provide us with approximately how
- much you made in consulting and testifying in any case?
- A. When you say "in any case," I could make an
- estimate on a case, but that's the best I could do off
- 10 the top of my head without looking at my billing
- 11 records.

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- 12 Q. Okay. Can you tell us, in 2021, what
- 13 percentage of your income came from work as an expert
- witness?
- 15 A. I -- I -- I would need clarification on that.
- 16 So just to be really clear, most of the work I do,
- 17 outside of my university job, is consulting and review.
- 18 And it's only when I'm declared as an expert witness
- and testify in court do I think I'm doing work as an
- expert witness. So I would need clarification on
- whether you're talking about the consulting and expert
- witness work or whether, by expert witness work, you
- 23 mean something more specific.
- Q. Let's take the two together. In 2021, can
- 25 you tell me what percentage of your income came from

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- A. I think I have only issued one invoice to
- 2 date.

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- 3 Q. Okay. What was the date of that invoice?
- A. I don't recall the specific date. I believe
- 5 it was in March, if I'm recalling correctly. And I
- also did a second invoice, which I asked them to
- 7 forward to Defense Counsel.
- Q. So -- so, actually, two invoices you have
- sent to -- to Plaintiff's firm?
- A. Correct. 10
- O. So what was the date of the most recent 11
- 12 invoice? Was that the one issued to Plaintiff's firm
- 13 in March?
- 14 A. No, I -- I think the deposition invoice would
- 15 have been issued in April, not in March.
- Q. In the past three years, approximately, how
- much have you made in consulting and testifying as an 17
- expert in civil cases?
- A. I don't know. I -- I -- I would just have to 19
- 20 guess. A lot of the work that I do is not in civil
- 21 cases, and I -- I don't have it broken down. I -- I --
- I simply couldn't answer that question accurately.
- 23 Q. Similar question, Doctor. If I asked you how
- 24 much, approximately, you made in consulting and
- 25 testifying as an expert in criminal cases, would you be

- 1 work as either a consulting or testifying witness?
 - A. I -- I would estimate it. I -- I could
- estimate it to be anywhere from, well, probably 50 to
- -- to 66 -- to -- to two thirds, probably half to two
- 5 thirds. That would be my best estimate. I don't
- 6 recall 2021 specifically. So that's a general
- estimate. 7
- Q. Can you estimate -- similar question. Can
- you estimate, for us, your income -- what percentage of
- your income, in 2022, came from either consulting or
- 11 testifying as an expert witness?
- A. I would estimate the same range, between half 12
- 13 to two-thirds of my income.
- Q. Have you ever worked as a retained expert on
- 15 behalf of any state or local law enforcement agency or
- prosecutor's office?
 - A. I have, yes. 0:28:17
 - Q. Okay. What jurisdiction was that in?
- 19 A. So I don't have my curriculum vitae in front
- 20 of me, but it is listed in the curriculum vitae. If
- you want to put that up or you want me to print it out,
- 22 I could -- I could answer the question, but off the top
- 23 of my head, it's going to be an incomplete answer. I
- 24 can tell you the ones I remember, but I will be able to
- 25 give you a complete list. So I worked for the

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1 Department of Justice for -- for the United State's

- 2 Attorney's Office. I worked for the State Attorney
- 2 Audiney's Office. I worked for the State Audine
- 3 General of California. There are others. I know I
- 4 worked for a prosecutor's office in Ohio. There were
- 5 others listed on the curriculum vitae. I'm just not
- 6 recalling at this particular time.
- Q. Doctor, can you see the document on --
- 8 displayed on the screen?
- 9 A. Yes.

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- 10 Q. Scroll up to the top. Do you recognize this?
- 11 A. Yes
- Q. And what do you recognize this to be?
- 13 A. As it states on the first page, my
- 14 "curriculum vitae" through February of 2023.
- Q. As of February 2023, is this an accurate
- 16 curriculum vitae?
- 17 A. To the best of my knowledge.
- Q. And at any point if you need me to scroll to
- 19 a different page of the document, Doctor, just let me
- 20 know. Let's go ahead and mark this as Exhibit 2.
- 21 Doctor, I want to direct your attention to page 22 of
- 22 Exhibit 2, where it says, "all appellate courts" under
- 23 "2022." Do you see the section I'm referring to?
- 24 A. Yes. 0:30:18
- 25 Q. Okay. Can you tell me which of these cases

- 1 nature of the allegations in that case?
- 2 A. My best recollection is that was a sexual
- 3 assault case as well.
- 4 Q. Do you recall the result of that case?
 - I believe he was convicted, yes.
 - Q. Doctor, have you ever consulted or rendered
- 7 any opinions as an expert witness in any civil case
- 8 against the Chicago Police Department before?
- 9 A. Yes, I have been retained and rendered
- 10 opinions many times in cases where members of the
- 11 Chicago Police Department were defendants, if -- if
- 12 that's the question that you're asking.
- Q. Do you recall the names of any of those
- 14 cases?
- 15 A. Yes, there was a case. Robert -- Robert
- 16 Wilson was a case. Corethian Bell was a case. Nicole
- 17 Harris. I'm obviously identifying the names of the
- 18 Plaintiffs. There are others. If I reviewed my
- 19 records, I could add to that list, but off the top of
- 20 my head, that's what I'm recalling now.
- 21 Q. Recall the nature of the allegations against
- 22 Mr. Wilson?
- 23 A. The -- you mean the allegations in the
- 24 criminal case or the allegations that he made in the
- 25 civil case?

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- $1 \;\;$ under "2022" you were retained or testified as an
- 2 expert witness in on behalf of a police department or
- 3 prosecutor's office?
- 4 A. I could tell you to the best of my memory.
- 5 Without reviewing my specific records, I recall the
- 6 Burgund case -- People v. Burgund. That's five from
- 7 $\,$ the bottom. I recall People v. James, and I recall
- 8 People [sic] v. Ferricci. There are other names there
- 9 $\,$ that are common names that I'm not sure. I -- I -- I
- 10 would have to review my records.
- 11 Q. Let's start with the Burgund case. Do you
- 12 remember what the nature of the allegations were in
- 13 that case?
- 14 A. Yeah, generally. I -- I think -- I think it
- 15 -- he -- it was alleged that he had sexually assaulted
- 16 a minor.
- Q. Remember the resolution of that case? 0:31:24
- 18 A. My recollection is that he was convicted.
- 19 Q. You also mentioned the James case. Can you
- 20 tell me if -- what you recall of the nature of the
- 21 allegations in the People v. James case?
- 22 A. I would have to refresh my recollection. I
- 23 don't recall the specifics.
- Q. What about the Ferricci case, State v.
- 25 Ferricci? Can you tell us what you recall of the

- O. Let me rephrase my question. Do you remember
- 2 -- was Mr. Wilson accused of a criminal offense and
- 3 then bringing the civil suit against Chicago police
- 4 officers that resulted in -- in your retention as an
- 5 expert in his case?
 - A. Yes. 0:33:52
- 7 Q. Do you remember the nature of the criminal
- 8 allegations against Mr. Wilson?
- 9 A. I think it was a homicide case, but I would
- 10 have to review my -- I would have to review my records
- 11 to -- to see whether I'm remembering that correctly.
- 12 Q. Okay. Do you recall the outcome of that
- 13 case, the civil case of Mr. Wilson?
- 14 A. My recollection is that it settled, but I
- 15 don't recall specifically.
- 6 Q. You mentioned an individual by the name of
- 17 Bell. Did you testify in the case involving -- I
- 18 couldn't hear you if it was a Mr. or Mrs. Bell, in
- 19 regards to a civil suit they had filed against the
- 20 Chicago Police Department?
- 21 A. Yeah, so his first name was Corethian. And I
- 22 think I was deposed, but I would have to check my
- 23 records. I believe if I testified, that would be the
- 24 only time that I testified. I don't think it went to
- 25 trial. I think it settled.

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Q. For the record, can you spell Corethian?
A. Yes, C-o-r-e-t-h-i-a-n. 0:35:08

- Q. Do you remember the nature of the underlying criminal allegations against Mr. Bell?
- 5 A. Yeah, I believe his mother was murdered in 6 Hyde Park. It turned out, I think, she was sexually
- 7 assaulted as well.
- 8 Q. And you mentioned Nicole Harris. Did you
- 9 testify on behalf of Nicole Harris in a civil case
- 10 against the Chicago Police Department?
- 11 A. I did, yes.
- 12 Q. Do you remember the nature of the criminal 13 allegations against Ms. Harris?
- 14 A. Yes, that she had killed one of her children.
- 15 Q. Do you recall the outcome of that case -- the 16 civil case?
- 17 A. I believe it was a judgment in favor of the 18 defense.
- 19 Q. Doctor, have you ever been rendered -- or
- 20 excuse me. Have you ever been retained to provide
- 21 opinions in a civil case or criminal case but have your
- 22 opinions barred at trial by a judge?
- 23 A. Yes. 0:36:19
- Q. Do you recall how many times that's happened?
- 25 A. My best recollection is around a dozen or so.

- 1 United States v. Farrell Wildcat?
- 2 A. Yes, that was in 1999, if I'm recalling
- 3 correctly.
- 4 Q. After hearing both you and Professor Cassell
- 5 testify at a Daubert hearing, the judge excluded your
- 6 testimony from the trial, isn't that correct?
- A. In that case, in 1999, that's my
- 8 recollection.
- 9 Q. Do you recall a case, the United States v.
- 10 Higuera-Cruz? Higuera is spelled H-i-g-u-e-r-a, dash,
- 11 Cruz, C-r-u-z?
- 12 A. Yes, that was a 2000 case in San Diego. 0:38:27
 - Q. And you were rendered to provide opinions in
- 14 that case, correct?
- 15 A. To review materials and -- and provide
- 16 opinions, yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And, ultimately, the federal judge
- 18 found you unreliable and barred you from giving any
- 19 opinions at trial, isn't that correct?
- O A. I don't recall the basis for the exclusion.
- 21 That was 23 years ago, but the judge did exclude me
- 22 from testifying at trial, yes.
- Q. Dr. Cassell [sic], do you recall a case, the
- 24 State of New Mexico v. Lance Fourstar? And Four-Star
- 25 is spelled F-o-u-r, dash, S-t-a-r [sic].

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- Q. And do you recall the jurisdictions where
- 2 this -- these dozen or so cases occurred?
- 3 A. Yes, some of them. I don't recall them all.
- 4 Q. I don't mean to cut you off, Doctor. So are
- 5 you done with your answer, or were you still thinking?
- 6 A. Yes, yes. I'm done.
- 7 Q. And, Doctor, are you familiar with a
- 8 Professor Paul Cassell, Cassell spelled C-a-s-s-e-l-l?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And are -- you're aware he's a professor at
- 11 the University of Utah?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And --
- 14 A. In the law school.
- 15 Q. He's published in the field of false
- 16 confessions, as well, correct?
- 17 A. He's published an article that's very old,
- 18 but I wouldn't say he's published in -- it depends on
- 19 what you mean by "the field of false confessions."
- Q. Okay. Well, have you and Professor Cassell
- 21 ever both testified before a judge in giving competing
- 22 positions on whether to admit your testimony at a
- 23 Daubert hearing before?
- 24 A. Yes. 0:37:39
- Q. Specifically, do you recall the case of the

- A. Vaguely. 0:39:14
- Q. Now, this was a case in 2001, obviously, in
- 3 New Mexico. Do you recall a judge finding your
- 4 opinions to be unreliable and barring them from being
- 5 heard at trial?
- 6 A. I don't recall whether I was excluded in that
- 7 case or what the basis was for.
- 8 Q. Do you recall a case, Doctor, in 2008, State
- of Ohio v. Wooden? Wooden is spelled W-o-o-d-e-n.
- 10 A. I do, yes.
- 11 Q. And in that case, a trial court also barred
- 12 your opinions from trial, correct?
- 13 A. That's my recollection, yes.
 - Q. Okay. Do you have any recollection about the
- 15 -- an appeal taken from that trial court?
 - A. I do not. 0:40:08
- 17 Q. Okay. So you're not aware if -- that an
- 18 appellate court upheld the decision to prevent your
 - opinions from going to the jury in that case?
- 20 A. I do recall that there was a published
- 21 opinion, yes.
- Q. Okay. And did you review that published
- 23 opinion?
- A. I might have at the time. I think that was
- 25 from 2008, but I don't -- I don't recall the specifics

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1 of it now.

- Q. Okay. Is it possible, Doctor, for you to
- 3 estimate how many times you have previously worked with
- 4 Plaintiff's firm, Loevy & Loevy, as an expert witness
- 5 in a civil case against a municipality or prosecutor's
- 6 office?
- A. Without reviewing my records, my best
- 8 recollection is 8 to 12 times, maybe a few less, maybe
- a few more.
- Q. I take it without reviewing your records, you
- 11 wouldn't be able to tell me all the names of the -- the
- 12 parties that retained you to give opinions in those
- 13 civil cases, is that fair?
- A. Correct. I could tell you some of them off
- 15 the top of my head, but probably not all without
- 16 reviewing my records.
- 17 Q. When you say reviewing your records, Doctor,
- 18 are all the cases that you previously worked with the
- Plaintiff firm, Loevy & Loevy, represented in your
- report -- or your curriculum vitae?

5 on are on my curriculum vitae.

displayed on the screen? A. I do, yes.

- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. No. As you sit here today, do you recall
- 23 which cases would not be represented in your curriculum

1 represented at the very end of my curriculum vitae. I

2 think there's around 25 cases. And I have worked on 3 over 2,000, going back almost 30 years. So probably,

4 you know, one tenth of 1 percent of the cases I worked

Q. I'm showing you your curriculum vitae marked

as Exhibit 2 here. Do you see the document that I have

Q. I'm looking at page 65 and continuing to page

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25 A. A very, very small percentage of cases are

- A. Cases that drew media attention, became local
- 2 or national-cause celebs.
- Q. Speaking of media attention, Doctor, you have
- -- you have given multiple interviews for television
- 5 media, correct?
 - A. Over the years, yes.

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- Q. And can you tell me in the past five years
- how many times you have given an interview to TV media?
- A. Not without reviewing my CV. The media
- 10 appearances are listed on the CV by year earlier in the
- 11 document.
- 12 Q. Are all of your media appearances in the past
- 13 five years reflected on your CV?
- A. I believe so. Usually, they're reflected if
- 15 I appear. It's possible that I was interviewed and
- 16 didn't appear and thus didn't list it.
- 17 Q. Do you recall in the past five years, Doctor,
- 18 how many times you have given an interview to any news
- or media source other than TV?
- 20 A. Not off the top of my head, no. I would have
- 21 to look at the CV to refresh my recollection.
- Q. And, Doctor, I have put Exhibit 2 back on the
- 23 screen. Do you see this document?
 - 0:44:45 A. Yes.
- Q. I'm looking at page 30, section titled "Media 25

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- 1 Coverage, Appearances, and Citation of Research." Do
 - 2 you see that?
 - 3 A. Yes.
- Q. I'm curious about this 2001 entry, "NBC
- 5 Discovery Plus 1." Do you see that there?
- A. Yes. 6
- MS. RICKERT: For the record, I want to note 7
- 8 that it's 2021, not 2001.
- MR. MCCARTER: Thank you, Counsel.
- 10 Q. Doctor, "NBC Discovery Plus 1," can you tell
- 11 me what that is?
- A. I don't recall. I think it's a TV station,
- 13 but I don't recall the interview specifically.
- 14 Q. Okay. Is the -- is the nature of that
- 15 interview -- if we go across to the right on the page,
- "Murder on Ice," a podcast.
- A. No, no, that -- it's just -- I'm just double 17
- 18 columning the -- the media sources where I have
- 19 appeared or been cited. So "Murder on Ice" is a
- 20 separate podcast that is different from "NBC Discovery
- 21 Plus One."
- 22 Q. So looking at your CV here on page 30, 2021,
- 23 you made five appearances on five different media
- 24 entities, is that fair?
 - A. That's what listed on the CV, yes.
- 0:45:59

12 Witness Testimony, Selected Cases." Do you see that? 0:42:33

- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Can you tell me what methodology you used to

11 66 of this document, the title of which is "Expert

- 15 select these cases?
- 16 A. These are cases that I have testified in, and
- 17 they tend to be higher-profile cases.
- Q. Is there any other relationship among the
- cases that you determined to include them as a
- 21 your opinions in this case?
- 22 A. No, they're -- they're just well-known cases,
- 23 either locally or nationally, that I had worked on and

20 curriculum vitae that was produced in connection with

- 24 testified in.
- Q. What do you mean by "well-known cases"? 25

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- Q. Okay. In 2022, it looks like you made four
- 2 different media appearances, is that correct?
- A. Or was cited, yes.
- Q. Okay. Can you tell me the first one, "The
- 5 Marshall Project," was that something you were cited,
- 6 or was that a media appearance?
- A. I believe I was cited. I -- that -- that's a
- print media. So I -- I wouldn't have appeared.
- Q. Okay. "The John Oliver Show," is that
- 10 something that you appeared, or something that you were
- 11 just cited in?
- 12 A. No, my research was cited several times in a
- 13 25-minute segment on John -- in the John Oliver Show.
- Q. Okay. And "Crime Junkie Podcast," can you
- tell me if that was an appearance or if -- just a
- 16 citation?
- 17 A. I don't recall if I was interviewed for that.
- 18 or if it was just a reference to my research.
- 19 Q. "KALW Radio," can you tell me if that was an
- appearance or just a citation? 20
- 21 A. I -- I don't recall.
- 22 Q. Doctor, I'm displaying another page on the
- 23 screen. Can you see what I have put up on the screen?
- 24
- 25 Q. And do you recognize this, Doctor?

- 1 Jesus Sanchez was a suspect. Lamarr Monson was a
- 2 suspect. Anthony Jakes was a suspect. Christopher
- Barbour was a suspect. The Chestnut plaintiffs were
- witnesses, not suspects. Arturo Reyes and Gabriel
- Solache were suspects in the underlying criminal case,
- as was John Horton and Victor Rosario.
- Q. Doctor, have you ever been asked to render --
- 8 to consult or render opinions on a case regarding the
- 9 reliability of a confession or accusation, and -- and
- after reviewing all of the materials, determined that
- the -- the confession or the accusation was, in fact,
- 12 true?
- 13 A. Usually, I'm not asked that in that way, but
- 14 I have been asked to evaluate cases and -- about the
- indicia of unreliability. And I have found that there
- were substantial indicia of reliability and offered
- 17 opinions that were unhelpful to the party retaining me,
- and as a result the consultation ended there. So if
 - that's what you mean, yes, many, many times.
- 20 Q. Can you tell me the -- the -- the year of the
- 21 last time that happened?
 - A. No, I would have to go through my list of
- 23 cases. And like I said. I have been retained thousand
- 24 -- over 2,000 times. So I don't recall the details of
- 25 a lot of the cases, especially the ones where my work

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- Q. And what do you recognize this to be? 2
- A. I believe this is an appendage to my report,
- 4 where it lists the cases in which I have testified in
- 5 court or by deposition in the preceding four-year 6 period.
- Q. And I'm going to go -- scroll through this 7
- document. Does this document include all the cases
- that you have previously testified in for the past four
- 10 years?
- 11 A. Through that date, yes.
- 0:48:09
- Q. Okay. We can go ahead and mark this as
- 13 Exhibit 3. Doctor, I'm looking at Exhibit 3, page 4
- 14 here. Let me zoom in so you can see a little bit
- 15 better. Can you tell me which of these cases you were
- 16 retained to evaluate the statements of suspects versus
- 17 the statements of witnesses?
 - A. To the best of my recollection, yes. So
- starting at the top, I don't recall the very first
- case, Jane JBR Doe, but I do recall that Jesus Flores
- 21 was a suspect. Joel Alcox was a suspect in the
- underlying criminal cases. Henry Lee McCollum was a
- 23 suspect, as well as one other plaintiff in that case.
- 24 William Amor was a suspect. I don't recall for sure
- 25 about Nickie Miller. Arthur Brown was a suspect.

- 1 ended there.
- Q. Now Doctor, you have a Master of Arts in
- Sociology, correct? 3
- A. Correct.
- 5 Q. A BA in sociology?
- A. Correct.
- O. And "BA," that's a Bachelor of Arts, correct? 7
- Q. You don't have any Bachelor's of Science or
- Master of Science degrees, correct?
- A. Correct. 11
- 12 Q. You're not a clinical psychologist?
- A. Correct. 13
- Q. Showing you, again, what we have marked as 14
- Exhibit 1. Just looking at page 1 here, Doctor, you --
- you state that you "conducted and published extensive
- empirical research," is -- that's correct? 17
- Q. Now, unlike a clinical psychologist, you 19
- don't see patients, correct?
 - A. Correct.
- 22 Q. You don't evaluate and treat various medical
- conditions? 23
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 - Q. You focus on -- on research with the goal of

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- 1 publication in mind, isn't that correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- Q. Perform experiments and then publish the 3
- 4 results?
- A. That's one methodology, experiments. But,
- yes, I conduct empirical research and --
- Q. What's another -- I'm sorry.
- A. -- publish the results. 8
- Q. I didn't mean to cut you off.
- 10 A. No, that's it. I'm done.
- 11 O. What's another method of experimentation that
- 12 you refer to?
- 13 A. Well, I -- I didn't use the word
- "experimentation." I used the word "empirical." So
- 15 what I was referring to was -- or, at least, thinking,
- 16 was other forms of data gathering, in addition to
- 17 experiments, such as surveys or field observation or
- 18 interview of subjects or analysis of contemporary or
- historical documents and materials.
- 20 Q. And, now, this research, this isn't funded by
- 21 you, personally, correct?
- A. Correct. It's typically not funded by me,
- 23 personally.
- Q. Funded by third parties, such as universities
- 25 or government entities?

- 1 university that I was a student at.
- Q. Did you perform any experiments in -- in
- preparation for rendering your opinions in this case?
 - A. No experiments, no.
- Q. Have you ever tailored one of your
- experiments or any of your research to meet the
- specific qualifications of a grant or any other funding

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- 0:55:47 A. Not that I recall, no.
- Q. Do you come up with the research question
- first and then attempt to seek funding for that
- research question, or do you secure funding and -- and
- then tailor the research question to meet the goals of
- that particular funding source?
 - A. Well, I -- I come up with the research
- question first, but I have rarely sought funding for my 16
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- 18 Q. Okay. Now, you have told us that you don't
- fund your research yourself. So if you don't seek
- funding for your research, how do people contact you
- regarding a particular research question you have and
- funding behind it? 22
- MS. RICKERT: Objection to form. 23
 - Q. You can answer, if you understood.
 - A. I'm not sure I do. How do people contact me?

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- 1 Usually, people don't contact me.
- Q. Well, you told us that you didn't fund your
- 3 research yourself. You have indicated that research is
- 4 funded by either a university or governmental entity.
- 5 So how do you connect with either a university or
- governmental entity regarding receiving funding for
- your research?
- 8 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 0:56:56
- A. I -- I thought that what I answered
- 10 previously was that the university, to the extent my
- 11 salary funds my research, funds me. It's -- most of
- 12 the research that I do does not require resources --
- 13 financial resources.
- 14 Q. How many grants have you applied for in your
- 15 career as a professor of law and psychology?
- A. Well, I need clarification on the question. 16
- 17 Q. Sure.
- A. Because prior to 2006 -- from 1994 to 2006, I 18
- 19 was a professor of psychology and criminology at UC
- 20 Irvine and -- and a professor of sociology and law at
- 21 the University of Colorado, Boulder. So I don't know
- 22 if you're asking over the course of those 30 years,
- 23 1994 to the present -- or 29 -- or if you're just
- 24 asking since I have been employed at the University of
- 25 San Francisco, 2006 to the present.

A. Well, I guess, funded by universities to the

- 2 extent that they pay my salary, yes. And then to the
- 3 extent that I have received grants funded by the -- the
- 4 third-party grant -- granting agency.
- 5 Q. Can you tell us some of the examples of
- 6 third-party granting agencies?
- A. It's somewhere in the CV. I haven't received
- many grants over the course of my career. The only
- significant one that I recall was from the National
- 10 Institute of Justice.
- 11 Q. Do you -- other than any governmental agency
- or organization and any university, can you tell me any
- 13 of the other third-party funding sources for any of
- 14 your research?
- 15 A. I don't recall ever receiving any funding
- 16 from any third party, other than the government or a 17 university.
- Q. Currently, you're a professor at the 18
- University of San Francisco, correct? 19
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Have you ever received funding for a research
- 22 project that you participated in that came from a
- 23 university that you were not a professor at?
- A. It -- not off the top of my head, no. But if 24
- so, it would have been -- it might have been a

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Page 45 Page 47 experiments like that. Q. Well, from 2006 to the present. So your time 2 at the University of San Francisco as a professor of Q. Have you reviewed any materials that studies 3 both law and psychology, can you tell me how many 3 how ADHD affects decision-making? grants you have applied for? A. In -- in -- the materials that I just mentioned. 1:01:06 A. My best recollection is just one. 0:58:13 Q. Now, you're not a medical doctor, correct? Q. Doctor, can you tell me what sociology means 6 7 to you? 7 A. Correct. 8 O. Did not go to medical school? A. Sociology is an academic discipline that studies a wide range of subjects, ranging from how A. Correct. 10 people behave in -- in groups, social psychology to 10 Q. Are you aware of any psychiatric disorders or 11 institutions, to society, and history and politics as a mental health problems which, if diagnosed in a person, 12 whole. 12 would make that person more likely to give a false 13 confession or false accusation? 13 Q. Sociology focuses on society's influence on 14 A. Yes, attention deficit hyperactivity 14 human behavior, correct? 15 disorder, autism -- autism spectrum disorder. A. You could say that at a very general level, Q. Have you studied the effects of attention 16 but it also focuses on many, many more specific things 16 17 hyperactive deficit disorder on the brain? Q. Sociology, essentially, focuses on the -- the A. Not directly, no. I have read some papers on 18 19 the subject, but I haven't directly empirically studied 19 construction and the interplay of various levels of 20 it. 20 human society, correct? 1:02:04 21 Q. And we're talking about the diagnosis of 21 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 22 ADHD, correct? 22 A. I -- I think that's oversimplifying it. That 23 A. Correct. 0:59:09 23 -- at a very broad, vague level, you could say that's 24 Q. Okay. And -- and you're familiar with ADHD. 24 true, but that oversimplifies what the discipline 25 What -- what does ADHD mean to you? 25 studies. Page 46 Page 48 A. It's an attentional disorder having to do O. Okay. I want to turn now to one of your 2 with hyperactivity. articles. Doctor, do you see the document that I have Q. Have you performed any experiments on displayed on the screen? 4 individuals who suffer from ADHD and their likelihood A. I do, yes. 5 to give a true or false confession? 5 Q. Do you recognize it? A. No. A. I do, yes. Q. You performed any research into how ADHD Q. And what do you recognize it to be? 8 affects memory? A. This is an article that I published with A. I have reviewed research but not performed Richard Ofshe in 1998 in the Journal of Criminal Law 10 any research. and Criminology, bearing the title that we see on the 11 Q. Do you recall what research you reviewed? 0:59:51 screen, "Consequences of False Confessions," semi -- or A. Yes, there's a book by Gisli Gudjonsson. His 12 colon, "Deprivations of Liberty and Miscarriages of 13 Justice in the Age of Psychological Interrogation." 13 first name is spelled G-i-s-l-i. Last name is spelled 14 G-u-d-j-o-n-s-s-o-n. It came out, I believe, in the 14 Q. We can go ahead and mark this as Exhibit 4. 15 For this study that was at the heart of this article, 15 last two or three years. I think it's called "The 16 you can -- you and Mr. Ofshe -- am I pronouncing that 16 Psychology of Interrogation [sic] and Confessions, 17 correctly? 17 Forty Years of Scientific Research [sic]," and in that 18 A. Correct. 1:03:18 18 book, he reviews some research. There's also a review Q. Okay. Now, for the study that's at the heart 19 article -- a review of the field article that is in the 20 of this article, you and Mr. Ofshe considered 60 cases 20 drafting stage that -- where he's one of the coauthors, of allegedly-disputed confessions, correct? 21 and he reviews that research as well. 22 A. Well, we analyzed, in the article, 60 cases. 22 Q. Have you personally conducted any research or We had reviewed many more than that, and not all of 23 experiments to determine how ADHD might impact those cases were disputed. 24 decision-making? Q. Okay. And you considered, for this article,

A. No, I have not personally conducted any

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1 only 60 case -- strike that. In this article, you

- 2 refer to only 60 cases, correct?
- A. In the article, we analyze 60 cases, yes.
- Q. Okay. And you determined that 26 of those
- 5 cases were highly probable or probable false
- 6 confessions, correct?
- A. I don't recall the specific number, but that
- 8 sounds accurate.
- 9 Q. Let's just make sure we're accurate. So I
- 10 want to scroll through this article. And we see, here,
- 11 on page -- PDF page 17 of this article, "Table A1," the
- 12 "First Category, Proven False Confessions." And that's
- 13 34 cases, correct?
- 14 A. Correct.

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- Q. And if we continue scrolling, "Table A2,
- 16 Second Category, Highly Probable False Confessions."
- 17 And that's 18 cases, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Scrolling down. We're on page 22 of the PDF.
- 20 "Table A3, Third Category, Probable False Confessions."
- 21 That's eight cases, correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- Q. Now, Doctor, if what you call the -- a highly
- 24 probable false confession or probable false confession
- 25 in this article turned out to be a proven true

- 1 mathematician?
- 2 A. Correct.

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- Q. Doctor, can -- can you tell us what
- 4 methodology you used to select the 60 cases that were
- 5 included in the study for this article? And I can put
- 6 it back on the screen for you here.
- A. Right. So in that study, we gathered data on
- 8 any cases that we were aware of where there was a
- 9 disputed confession or an allegation of a false
- 10 confession. And the 60 cases were a subset of, I
- 11 believe, around 250 cases that we had gathered data on.
- 12 My recollection is that we did extensive electronic
- 13 media and legal and social science database searches,
- 14 that we did library searches, that we hired research
- 15 assistants, that we made announcements in professional
- 16 organizations, newsletters, that we made announcements
- 17 at conferences that we were attending, that basically
- 18 we just tried to find cases where people were asserting
- 19 -- or where we had come across on our own that they had
- 20 falsely confessed. And then we gathered as much
- 21 material as we could from as many sources as we could.
- 22 Some of the cases we had extensive legal materials,
- 23 others we didn't. And then we went through and
- 24 analyzed those materials, and evaluated whether or not
- 25 we thought the -- the disputed confession, sometimes

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- 1 confession, then would the conclusions you drew in this
- 2 article be unreliable?
- 3 A. No.

- 1:05:21
- 4 Q. Why not?
- 5 A. Because there's -- there's patterns in the
- 6 data. And if one of the cases turned out to be a true
- 7 confession, it wouldn't statistically, meaningfully
- 8 affect the patterns in the data.
- 9 Q. How many cases would need to be incorrectly
- 10 labeled for it to statistically impact the patterns in
- 11 the data?
- 12 A. I don't know. I would -- it -- I would -- I
- 13 -- you would have to do -- do a statistical analysis
- 14 and try to figure out what percentage of cases would
- 15 affect -- you know, what -- what percentage of the
- 16 cases were, in your hypothetical, actually true
- 17 confessions.
- 18 Q. And the --
- 19 A. And also it depends on what specific analyses
- 20 or conclusions you're referring to. Your question is
- 21 kind of vague.
- Q. Now, you're not a statistician, correct?
- 23 A. No, I'm -- I'm not professionally trained as
- 24 a statistician, correct.
- Q. You're not professionally trained as a

- 1 not disputed confessions, fit into one of the three
- 2 categories in that article. And so the 60 cases were a
- 3 subset of the much larger number of cases that we had
- 4 gathered data on, roughly around 25 percent of the
- 5 cases.
- 6 Q. So the 200 or so cases that you initially
- 7 gathered, that wasn't a random collection of cases,
- 8 correct?
- A. Correct. It's -- it -- it would be
- 10 impossible to do this kind of study through a random
- 11 collection of cases.
- Q. I -- I'm still a little unclear, Doctor. Can
- 13 you tell me how -- what methodology then you used to
- 4 select the 60 from the bigger sample?
- 15 A. Well, we identified three categories in the
- $\,$ 16 $\,$ article, as you pointed out, proven false confession, a
- 17 highly probable false confession, and probable false
- 18 confession and we defined those categories clearly in 19 the article and the 60 cases met those criteria. As
- 20 you pointed out when you scrolled down the screen, the
- 21 first category, proven, we believe 34 of the cases met
- that category. The second -- the -- the classification
- 23 -- the definition that we laid out. The second
- 24 category, I think, was highly probable. And my
- 25 recollection, from your scrolling down the screen, is

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- 1 that 18 of the cases met that category. And then the
- 2 probable eight cases, at the time, met that category.
- 3 So that was the methodology. Lay out the definitions,
- 4 thoroughly evaluate all of the evidence we can get our
- 5 hands on, and then for the ones that we believe met the
- 6 criteria that we specified, include those. For the
- 7 ones that we didn't have enough information or didn't
- meet the criteria, not include those.
- Q. Now, in the 60 cases, you have also included 10 cases that either you or Mr. Ofshe had personal
- involvement in as an expert witness, isn't that true?
- 12 A. Correct.

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- 13 Q. Now, were you worried about any bias in
- 14 including, in the 60 cases, cases that you or -- or
- your partner were personally involved in as an expert 16 witness?
- 17 A. I -- I wasn't worried about bias. And I
- think all the cases came from Dr. Ofshe. I don't
- believe I had testified as an expert witness in any
- 20 case, to that point. And I don't believe I was
- 21 retained in any of the cases -- the 60 cases in this
- 22 article. I was not worried about bias. I reviewed the
- 23 documents and felt -- felt confident that all of the
- 24 cases included in the article met the criteria that we
- 25 specified.

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- 1 Q. And can you define for us what "probably
- 2 false" means to you?
- A. It's been many years since I used that term. 3
- 4 I would have to go to -- it's -- it's defined clearly
- 5 in the article. So rather than my -- define it off the
- top of my head, I would simply want to find where we
- defined it in the article.
- Q. Okay. Would the same be true if I asked you
- to provide a definition of a "highly probable false confession"? 10
- 11 A. Yes, I -- for accuracy's sake, I would want
- 12 to go to the place where the article defines it.
- Q. Now -- Mr. Fairchild, he confessed to the rape and murder of a Ms. Marjorie Mason, correct? 14
 - A. I believe so.
- Q. Did -- did you review the underlying sources
- 17 regarding Mr. Fairchild's confession -- Fairchild's --
- excuse me -- confession to determine that it was
- probably false?

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- A. Well, when you say "the underlying sources,"
- I don't know what you're referring to. But, yes, I
- reviewed to any and all documents that I could get my
- hands on, which included underlying sources.
 - Q. Mr. Fairchild's case was a death penalty
- 25 case, correct?

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- Q. How did you attempt to screen for a potential bias for any of the cases that Mr. Ofshe participated
- in, in the 60 cases that you included in your article?
- A. My best recollection is that I reviewed all the materials on all the cases that were included in 5
- this article.
- Q. Did you ever talk to Mr. Ofshe about his work 7
- in the cases that he participated in prior to their
- inclusion in the study of 60?
- A. I don't recall if I ever spoke to Dr. Ofshe
- about his work in the cases prior to their inclusion.
- I might have.
- Q. Okay. One of the cases that you included in 13
- this article in your 60 cases was that of Mr. Barry Lee
- Fairchild. Do you -- do you recall that? 15
- 16 A. I -- I recall including his case, yeah. It's
- been many years since I have reviewed that case, but, 17
- yes, I do recall including that case.
- 19 Q. And -- and we see Mr. Barry Fairchild -- the
- discussion about his case starts on PDF page 39 of this
- 21 article, correct?
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- Q. Now, you concluded that Mr. Fairchild gave a 23
- 24 probably false confession, correct?
- A. Correct.

- Correct.
 - 1:13:32 Q. And he -- his claim that he had been coerced
- 3 into providing a false confession was reviewed by a
- federal district judge, correct?
- A. I believe the voluntariness of his claim was
- 6 reviewed by a federal district court judge, but I would
- have to review the record on that.
- Q. Okay. Just scrolling down so you can see
- more of the paragraph of discussing Mr. Fairchild's
- case in your article. I'm at PDF page 40. Excuse me.
- 11 Now, a federal district judge, Judge Eisele,
- 12 E-i-s-e-l-e, actually held a 17-day evidentiary hearing
- 13 and issued a 413-page ruling on whether Mr. Fairchild
- 14 had given a false confession, correct?
- 15 A. I don't --

- MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation.
- 1:14:28
- 17 A. I don't -- my best recollection is that
- 18 hearing was not about whether he had given a false
- 19 confession but whether he had given a voluntary
- 20 confession, but I -- I haven't reviewed that in many,
- 21 many years. So I would have to check the record to
- 22 confirm that. I don't believe there was an analysis of
- whether it was a false confession by the judge.
- 24 Q. You would agree with me that that judge, 25 after the 17-day evidentiary hearing, concluded that

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Page 57 Page 59 1 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 1 Mr. Fairchild's confession was voluntary, correct? 2 A. Again, I don't recall the specific details of A. That's my best recollection, yes. Q. Now, in reviewing your article that's 3 the case this many years later. I would have to review 4 displayed on the screen here at Exhibit 4, I -- I don't the record to answer that question. Q. Were you aware that Mr. Giarratano had 17 see mention of that judge's 413-page opinion. Is that matching print -- prints left at the scene of the an accurate statement? 7 MS. RICKERT: Objection. murder in Norfolk, Virginia? 8 A. Again --8 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 1:18:40 MS. RICKERT: Foundation. A. I would have to review the record to answer 10 A. -- I haven't reviewed this in many years. I 10 the question. I think, as phrased, the question may be don't know whether that is one of the citations or not. misleading because I think that he lived in the place 12 12 where the two women were found murdered. And so, of 13 RECORDER: Apologies. Julia, could you 13 course, his fingerprints would be at the house, whether repeat? I think there was an objection. 14 or not he was innocent or guilty. So I think it's a MS. RICKERT: Yeah, I just object to 15 15 little misleading to say his fingerprints were found at 16 foundation. 16 the murder scene. But, again, I would have to review 17 RECORDER: Thank you. 1:15:32 17 the records to fully or adequately answer or respond to Q. Directing your attention -- I -- I'm still on 18 18 your question. PDF page 40 of this article, Doctor. The first full 19 Q. One moment, Doctor. I appreciate your sentence on this page reads, "There was no independent 20 patience. Doctor, sorry for the delay. Getting back evidence connecting Fairchild to the crime. In fact, 21 to your article, another case that you claimed was a blood, hair, and semen failed to positively link 22 false confession -- this one you labeled highly Fairchild to the crime." Did I read that accurately? 23 probable -- was Mr. -- Mr. Richard Laporte. Do -- do 24 24 you -- Lapointe, excuse me, L-a-p-o-i-n-t-e. Do you 25 Q. Now, are you aware that there was an article 25 recall Mr. Lapointe's case? Page 58 Page 60 1 of clothing that was found at the scene that was A. Yes, I do. 1:23:13 directly linked to Mr. Fairchild? Q. Now, you stated in your article that "No 3 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. physical evidence linked Lapointe to the crime." Do you recall that? A. Again, I haven't reviewed this in many, many A. I don't recall specifically where that is in years. So I simply don't recall. Q. Well, another individual you included in this 6 the article. study was a Mr. -- the case of Mr. Joseph Giarratano, Q. Okay. But do -- do you recall concluding G-i-a-r-r-a-t-a-n-o. Do you recall Mr. Giarratano? 8 that "No physical evidence linked Mr. Lapointe to the 8 A. Yes. crime"? 10 Q. Just want to make that clear. Okay. On your A. Oh, yeah. Now I see it. Yes. 10 11 article, you claimed that Mr. Giarratano was -- was --11 Q. Okay. Now, are you aware that a Connecticut 12 falsely confessed to a double murder in Norfolk, 12 Supreme Court confirmed Mr. Lapointe's conviction after 13 Virgina, correct? 13 hearing an appeal? A. I don't recall which category he was in, but 14 14 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 15 he was one of the 60 people in the article, yes. 15 A. Yes, I am aware of that. But, ultimately, he Q. Looking at "Table -- Table A2, Secondary 16 was exonerated and released. So I think a higher court 17 Category, Highly Probable False Confessions," and we eventually threw out the conviction and new evidence see Mr. Giarratano's name included here, correct? emerged after this article was written that proved it 19 A. Correct. 1:17:58 19 was impossible for him to have committed the crime. 20 Q. Now, when you decided to include Mr. 20 It's not even clear there was a crime. And as a 21 Giarratano in this article, were you aware that one of 21 result, if I were to write this article today, he would the -- the pubic hairs that was found on -- on one of 22 be in the proven false confession category based on the victims in Norfolk, Virginia was consistent in 23 information and evidence that was obtained after this

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article was written.

Q. I don't see in your article -- it doesn't

24 race, color, and microscopic characteristics with Mr.

25 Giarratano?

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Page 61 Page 63 1 appear that you included a statement from a witness this case in a long time. 2 regarding Mr. Lapointe who testified that Mr. Lapointe 2 Q. Well, Mr. Misskelley's own statements are 3 was concealing the fact that there was a fire in his 3 consistent with the facts of that murder, aren't they? 4 mother-in-law's home. Can you tell me why you excluded 4 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. that information from your article? 5 A. I don't believe they are. Most of -- most or MS. RICKERT: Objection to form and 6 all of his interrogation was not recorded. Like 6 7 foundation. 1:24:51 7 Lapointe, he was intellectually handicapped as well. A. I -- I don't even recall what you're And like the Lapointe case, subsequent evidence has referring to. So I couldn't possibly answer that come out after this article was written as well. Q. Mr. Misskelley told police that when he left Q. Okay. Are you aware that an individual 11 11 the scene, one victim was already dead, while two 12 identified Mr. Lapointe as having visited the crime 12 others were struggling in a creek, which is consistent 13 scene just before a fire broke out in the crime scene? 13 with the cause of death for the other two boys, isn't 14 A. I don't recall. 14 that correct? 15 Q. Are you aware that Mr. Lapointe told 15 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 1:27:51 16 investigators that the victim was sexually assaulted 16 A. I -- I would have to review the -- the -- the 17 before being murdered prior to medical examiners having 17 evidence in the case to see whether that -- whether the 18 an opportunity to examine the body? premise of your question is factually accurate. I 19 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 19 cannot answer that question. 20 A. I -- I recall that he was interrogated for 20 Q. You -- you recall that Mr. Misskelley told 21 nine-and-a-half hours, and it wasn't recorded and that 21 investigators specifically which of the three boys was 22 what he did and didn't tell them was disputed and that the only one with any genital mutilation, correct? 23 he had a large part of his brain missing. So he was 23 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 24 intellectually disabled. So it's not clear to me 24 A. Again, without reviewing the materials in the 25 whether that would or would not have been told to him. 25 case -- this article is 25 years old -- I would not be Page 62 Page 64 1 But, again, he's been proven innocent. So at the time 1 able to answer your question or even whether the 2 of this article, those -- the -- the evidence factual predicate of your question is accurate. 3 that dispositively, conclusively exonerated him and 3 Q. Okay. You included a citation to this 4 caused a court to vacate his conviction was not article in your report for this case, correct? available. Subsequent evidence demonstrated that. 5 A. There are citations, yes. 1:28:39 Q. I'm moving down to page -- PDF page 34 of Q. Okay. MR. MCCARTER: Actually, this is a good place this article, Doctor. Another case you included, you 7 to take a break. So why don't we go off the record? called a highly probable false confession was that of RECORDER: Off record, 12:32 p.m. Jessie Misskelley, Junior, correct? 10 10 (Off the record) A. Correct. 1:26:28 RECORDER: Back on record, 12:45 p.m. 11 Q. Now, Misskelley was convicted in connection 11 Q. Doctor, can you see the document I have just with the murder of three young boys, correct? 12 displayed on the screen? 13 A. Correct. 13 14 Q. And you claimed that his "statement to police 14 A. I can, yes. 15 was inconsistent with the facts," correct? 15 Q. Do you recognize this document? 16 A. Correct. 16 A. I do, yes. 17 Q. Now, are -- are -- you're aware that at 17 Q. And what do you recognize this document to separate trials relying on other forensic factual 18 be? A. This is a 1999 nonpeer reviewed article that evidence, two other individuals were convicted of those 19 Professor Cassell published in which he argued that -three murders, correct? 21 among other things, that the nine cases that he lists A. Correct. 22 Q. And those were the same individuals that Mr. were true confessions, not false confessions. 23 Q. Have you reviewed this article before today? 23 Misskelley identified in his statements to police,

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correct?

A. I believe so. But, again, I haven't reviewed

A. I have. Not recently, but I have, yes.

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Page 17 (Pages 65-68) Page 65 Page 67 1 marked as Exhibit 4, correct? A. I wrote an entire response to this article as 2 well. A. Correct. 1:32:13 Q. Okay. Now, those 125 cases, they were not 3 Q. We can go ahead and mark this as Exhibit 5. 3 randomly selected, though, were they? 4 Doctor, after reviewing this article, did you go back A. Correct. It would be impossible to do that 5 to what we have marked as Exhibit 4 to review the --5 6 the factual evidence regarding the nine cases addressed 6 kind of study through random sampling. 7 here? Q. Now, those 125, they were selected from a 8 A. Yes, because I wrote a 2001 article that went 8 prescreened sample of -- of cases where convictions had through these nine cases, case by case, pointing out already been overturned, correct? why Professor Cassell was erroneous in many of his A. No, that's not accurate. Many of the cases, 10 11 there was no conviction. So the -- I don't remember statements, as well as his conclusions. 12 Q. Doctor, I want to talk about random sampling. 12 how many cases we gathered and evaluated before As -- you would agree with me that you're trained that selecting those 125, but many of the cases, it -- we 14 there are certain research limitations when you use didn't learn about because there was a conviction that data in a study that isn't collected via a random 15 had been overturned. There had been no conviction, sampling method, correct? 16 either because police had recognized the confession was 17 A. There would be research limitations in any false or prosecutors had or judges had suppressed it. Q. Do you recall the time set from which the 125 kind of study, including random sampling. But, yes, if 18 19 there's nonrandom sampling, there would also be data 19 cases were selected from? limitations. 20 20 A. I don't recall specifically. I think they 21 Q. Can you tell me what you understand some of 21 range from the nineteen -- maybe the late 1970s to the 22 those data limitations to be, if the data you're early 2000s, with most of them being concentrated in 23 relying on is not collected randomly? the 1990s and 2000s, but I would have to review the 24 article specifically. That's my best recollection. 24 A. I -- I think you're asking a question at too 25 vague of a level. 25 Q. I -- I -- I want to get back to, just Page 66 Page 68 Q. Okay. 1:31:00 1 quickly, Professor Cassell. Now, he -- he derived a A. I would need a more specific question. 2 ballpark figure of approximately 20 million people that Q. Well --3 have been questioned by police interrogators over a 4 A. It depends on what you're trying to do with 4 25-year period. Does that sound like a reasonable 5 the study. 5 figure to you? Q. Now, in your report in this case, you relied A. I have no way of evaluating that figure. I on -- on a study titled "The Problem of False don't believe that the government keeps records on the 8 Confessions in the Post-DNA World." Do you recall that number of people who have been interrogated or study? interrogated in felony cases. So I have no idea 10 A. Yes. 10 whether that's accurate, or -- or it's just a guess. 11 Q. And that was written by Professor Steven 11 Q. Would -- would it be scientifically accurate,

12 Drizin. Am I pronouncing that correctly? 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. That's spelled D-r-i-z-i-n. And that was 15 published in 2004, correct? A. Correct. I was a coauthor of the article. 17 Q. That's correct. Now, your -- your article discussed 125 cases of alleged false confessions,

correct? 19 20 A. Correct. We categorized the 125 cases as proven false confessions in that article. And they were different from the confession cases in the prior 23 article you just mentioned. 24 Q. We're talking about a completely separate set 25 of 125 from any of the 60 in the prior article we

12 Doctor, if trying to determine if certain police interrogations result in a false confession, to take a random sample of police interrogations and determine if -- whether or not any of the confessions that resulted 16 therefrom were, in fact, false? 17 A. Again, that's not possible to do. 1:34:45 Q. I didn't ask if it was possible, Doctor. I 18 just wanted to know if it was -- would it be 20 scientifically accurate? 21 A. It depends on what you mean by 22 "scientifically accurate." Q. Well, if the goal is to determine whether or 24 not a certain police tactic results in a false 25 confession, would you agree with me that the best way

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- 1 to test that hypothesis would be to take a random
- 2 selection of police interrogations which employ that
- 3 tactic and determine if they resulted in any false
- 4 confessions?
- 5 A. No, because it would be impossible to know a 6 priori to do a random sample. So you -- you're -- of
- 7 -- of -- of interrogations that involve that technique.
- 8 So your question doesn't really make sense.
- 9 Q. Why is it -- in -- in your opinion, why
- 10 is it impossible to take a random selection of police
- 1 interrogations using one specific tactic?
- 12 A. Well, first, you wouldn't be able to randomly
- select because you would have to find out whether or
- 14 not the interrogation used that tactic. So -- so it's
- 15 just impossible. It -- it -- there is -- there is no
- 16 way of preidentifying a tactic in an interrogation.
- 17 Secondly, the police departments do not allow you to
- 18 just randomly sample their cases. There's all kinds of
- 19 privacy concerns. That data is just not publicly
- 20 available, where you could randomly sample cases in
- 21 police departments. I don't even think police
- 22 departments keep track of cases in which there are
- 23 interrogations and confessions. There's simply no
- 24 database to randomly sample. The data is not
- 25 classified that way, and it's not publicly available.

- 1 182 cases contained a false confession, correct?
- 2 A. Yeah, that wasn't a research question that
- 3 was part of the study. So I didn't analyze whether any
- 4 of those confessions were false confessions. That was
- 5 outside the scope of the study.
- Q. But you did have the data available regarding
- 7 the confessions and the underlying physical evidence
- 8 regarding those criminal cases, correct?
- 9 A. No, no, I don't. Those cases had not
- 10 resolved, most of them, by the time that I left the
- 11 field, and I did not track those cases. So, again, it
- 12 wasn't a question that I asked. I don't know whether
- 13 all of those, where there was a confession, were true,
- 14 partially true, false. It was simply outside of and
- 15 beyond the scope of the study. The purpose of that
- 16 study was not to evaluate whether any of those cases
- 17 were false or true or partially false or partially
- 18 true.

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- 19 Q. Doctor, can you tell me approximately how
- 20 many false confessions police officers obtain in
- 21 America in any given year?
 - MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 1:39:02
- 23 A. There's no way of knowing. No -- the
- 24 government doesn't collect statistics on that. Many
- 25 cases are disputed. There's simply no way of knowing

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- 1 So we're -- we're talking about a fantasy world that
- 2 doesn't exist on my second point. And on the first
- 3 point, you can't preselect and do a random sample at
- 4 the same time.
- 5 Q. Well, we were talking just moments ago about
- 6 San Francisco -- the San Francisco Bay Area. And --
- 7 and you conducted a study in 1993 in the San Francisco
- 8 Bay Area, correct?
- 9 A. Yeah. So it was my doctoral dissertation, I
- 10 think, you're referring to. And the data collection
- 11 started in 1990 to 1994, when I finished the
- 12 dissertation.
- Q. The dissertation was finished in 1994,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Correct.

- 1:37:2
- 16 Q. Okay. And -- and -- and that dissertation
- 17 included analysis of -- of 182 cases, correct?
- 17 included analysis of -- of 162 cases, coffect:
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. I -- I didn't want to cut you off. You
- 20 looked like you were -- had something else to add to
- 21 your answer.
- 22 A. Oh, yeah. 182 cases that I had either
- 23 observed in person or by videotape of -- of actual
- 24 interrogations, correct.
- Q. Now, you did not report that any one of those

- 1 what that number is.
- Q. Approximately how many truth -- truthful
- 3 confessions do police officers obtain in America in
- 4 every -- any given year?
- 5 A. Same answer. There is no way of knowing.
- 6 Nobody tracks that information.
- Q. So for all you know, police officers
- 8 employing some of the techniques that you criticize in
- 9 your report in this case, those techniques could be
- 10 likely to get a true confession 99.9 percent of the
- 11 time, correct?
- MS. RICKERT: Object to form and foundation. 1:39:45
- 13 A. It's possible that some of those techniques
- 14 could get true confessions in some number of cases, but
- 15 99.9 percent of the time seems a bit fanciful.
- 6 Q. Okay. Now, is it your testimony that, in
- 17 this case, certain steps taken by the -- the
- 18 questioning officers and individuals were likely to
- 19 cause a false confession?
- A. Well, increase the risk of false confessions,
- 21 as I make clear in the report, yes.
- 22 Q. Okay. Well, what do you mean by "increase
- 23 the risk"?
- 24 A. That statistically make the likelihood more
- 25 probable.

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- Q. Okay. And how do you determine statistically
- $2 \;\;$ the probability of it -- of a false confession versus a
- 3 true confession?
- 4 A. Well, there's experimental studies where they
- 5 elicit both true and false confessions. And then in
- 6 those studies, you can say what the risk is of false
- 7 confession when certain interrogation techniques are
- 8 used.
- 9 Q. And what --
- 10 A. That would be the way of statistically
- 11 estimating the likelihood of a false confession
- 12 quantitatively.
- 13 Q. Can you identify one of those --
- 14 A. And that would be limited --
- 15 Q. -- studies for me?
- 16 A. That would also be --
- 17 Q. Oh, sorry.
- 18 A. -- limited to the studies.
- 19 Q. Can you identify one of these studies for me?
- 20 A. Yeah, there's a study by Melissa Russano in
- 21 2005. I don't recall the name of the study. I -- I'm
- 22 not sure if it's cited anywhere in this report. It
- 23 probably is. There's other studies as well. I would
- 24 just have to go through the footnotes. I don't recall
- 25 specifically the -- the -- the names of the studies.

- 1 are likely to cause a false confession, correct?
- 2 A. No, I -- I think you can say which techniques
- 3 are likely to cause false confessions because there's
- 4 an extensive body of research on that, both
- 5 experimental and field research. We know which
- 6 techniques are likely or more likely to cause false
- 7 confessions.

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- Q. When we say "likely," do you mean that 51
- 9 percent or more of people exposed to a particular
- 0 technique give a false confession?
- 11 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation --
- 12 A. No, that's not what I mean.
 - WITNESS: Sorry.
- 14 Q. You can answer, Doctor. 1:43:51
 - A. No, that's not what I mean because we don't
- 16 know what percentage, in the real world, of people give
- 17 false confessions when particular techniques are used.
- 18 What we do know is that in experimental study, certain
- 19 techniques are more likely to elicit false confessions
- 20 than true confessions. And we also know from
- 21 real-world data what interrogation techniques tend to
- 22 be involved in cases of false confession.
- Q. And, Doctor, you mentioned a 2005 article by
- 24 Professor Melissa Russano. Do you see the document I
- 25 have displayed on the screen?

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- 1 In this report there are a number of places where I
- 2 cite review literatures. And those review literatures,
- 3 whether they're books or articles, would contain
- 4 description -- discussions of -- of those studies.
- 5 Q. Doctor, are you familiar with a Professor
- 6 Saul Kassin? Kassin is spelled K-a-s-s-i-n.
- 7 A. Yes. 1:42:20 8 Q. And you would agree with me he's a reliable
- 9 authority on social psychology issues related to
- 10 confessions, correct?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Now, Mr. Kassin writes in an article that
- 13 it's impossible to determine -- or -- or even to
- 14 estimate the frequency which with people confess to
- 15 crimes they did not commit. Would you agree to that
- 16 statement?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Now, you stated in your book, "Police
- 9 Interrogation and American Justice," that we -- we --
- 20 we don't know the frequency at which false confessions
- 21 occur or the rate at which they lead to wrongful
- 22 convictions of the innocent. Do you still agree with
- 23 that statement?
- 24 A. Yes.

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- 25 Q. Now, you can't say which techniques are --

- 1 A. Yes. 1:45:07
- Q. Do you recognize this?
- 3 A. Yes
- 4 Q. And what do you recognize this to be?
- A. As it's titled, a 2005 article,
- 6 "Investigating True and False Confessions Within a
- 7 Novel Experimental Paradigm" published in the Journal
- 8 of Psychological Science.
- 9 Q. One moment here. We can go ahead and mark
- 10 this as Exhibit 6. Oh, I'm sorry, Doctor. I didn't
- 11 realize I was muted there. I'm looking at page 5 of
- 12 the PDF. And do you see where I have placed my cursor
- 13 on the screen with a circle flashing?
 - A. Yes. 1:47:09
- 15 Q. Now, that sentence reads, "Our results
- 16 indicated that minimization, a common and legal
- 17 interrogation technique, provided an efficient [sic]
- 18 means of obtaining true confessions. However, this
- 19 technique also put innocent participants at risk for
- 20 false confessions." Did I read that correctly?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Would you agree to that statement?
- 23 A. In the context of that study, yes.
- Q. Well, are you aware of any police
- 25 interrogation techniques that are not likely to cause a

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Page 77 Page 79 1 false confession? A. That's what it says. A. Well, rapport building is not likely to cause 2 Q. And that increased to 72 percent of the 3 false confession. The cognitive interview, 3 confessions were true confessions when a deal was 4 investigative interviewing, not likely to cause false offered, correct? 1:50:45 5 confessions. A. Correct. O. Well, in Dr. Russano's 2005 paper, and -- and O. And that increased to 81 percent of 7 the study that it discusses, she attempted to construct confessions were true confessions when minimization was 8 an experimental paradigm which -- with which the study used, correct? -- the influence of psychology-based interrogation A. Correct. 10 techniques on the likelihood of true and false 10 Q. And that increased to 87 percent of 11 confessions, isn't that fair? 11 confessions were true confessions when -- when both 12 A. I think that was part of the study, yes. 1:48:40 12 minimization and a deal was offered, correct? 13 Q. Yeah. Now -- now, her study is based on --13 A. Correct. Correct. 14 on cheating allegations and psychological interrogation 14 Q. Now, looking at this, for -- for each 15 techniques, correct? condition, it seems that the percentage of true 16 confessions is higher than the percentage of false 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. And this -- her study concluded that guilty confessions, correct? 18 A. Correct. The point she's trying to make is persons were more likely to confess than innocent 19 about diagnosticity, but that's correct. persons and that the use of minimization in the offer Q. Okay. Now, Dr. Russano also states in this 20 of a deal increased the rate of both true and false 21 article that the -- the actual rate of false 21 confessions, correct? A. I don't recall the first. You would have to 22 confessions is just difficult to determine. And you 22 23 would agree with that, right? 23 show me where you're referring to. The second is true 24 but incomplete because some techniques increase the 24 A. Yes. As I testified previously, yes. 1:51:45 25 O. Now, recantations of confessions are common, 25 risk of false more than true. Page 78 Page 80 Q. Doctor, do you see the document that I have A. Well, I don't know how common they are. They put on the screen again? A. Yes. occur, but I don't know how common they are. 3 Q. Now, you would agree that a recantation -- or Q. Okay. And this is still Exhibit 6, Dr. -- or strike that. You would agree that a suspect 5 Russano's -- or Professor Russano's article. Do you could -- could recant a confession for various see where my cursor is, here, for "Table 1"? strategic reasons, correct? A. Yes. 7 1:49:47 A. Correct. Q. Okay. Now, this chart is titled "Rates of O. And -- and these recantations sometimes come True and False Confessions and Diagnosticity by after speaking with -- with family members, with 10 Interrogation Condition," correct? defense attorneys, with -- with cellmates, correct? A. Correct. 11 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. Q. And the first column of this chart, it -- it 12 12 13 A. They could, sure. 13 states the "condition; no tactic, deal, minimization, Q. Okay. Now, I was going through your -- your minimization plus deal," correct? 14 15 report, Doctor. And it seems a lot of the studies that 15 A. Correct. Q. And -- and moving to the right, the next you relied on in your report address the confessions 16 column is the "true confessions," correct? 17 made by suspects versus witnesses -- or -- or 17 accusations -- strike that. Going through your report, 18 A. Correct. 19 it looked like a lot of the studies focused on the O. Next column over is "false confessions"? 19 20 statements made by suspects versus the statements made 20 A. Correct. 21 by witnesses. Is that a fair characterization of -- of 21 Q. The last column, "diagnosticity," correct? 22 the research you included? 22 23 A. A lot of the studies, yes. Q. Okay. This table shows that 46 percent of 23 confessions taken with no tactic for use resulted in Q. Can you tell me which studies analyze

true confessions, correct?

25 possible false accusations by witnesses only?

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Page 81 Page 83 A. There are some studies -- I don't know if as an expert witness in the case to evaluate an 2 they're cited in my article -- by Brian Cutler and 2 interrogation and the subsequent statement that 3 William O'Donohue, but they're also --3 resulted from it. How do you analyze that Q. Can you spell O'Donohue for me? 1:53:44 interrogation to determine if the statement that 5 A. Yeah, O-D-o-n-a-h-u-e [sic]. But there is resulted isn't -- is a false confession? 6 also, as I mentioned earlier, in some of the footnotes, MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 1:56:10 7 I cite articles and books that are review articles that A. Well, usually I'm not retained to determine 8 review the literature, which would also refer to 8 whether a confession is a false confession. studies involving witnesses as opposed to suspects who Q. How do you review or analyze an interrogation 10 have been interrogated. 10 to determine whether or not there is any indicia of 11 Q. Now, you're regularly retained to review 11 reliability? 12 confessions of suspects, correct? 12. A. As I elaborated in the -- in the -- in the 13 A. I -- I am retained oftentimes, when I'm 13 report -- so the report, as you know, has a general 14 retained, to review interrogations of suspects that section -- and starting on the bottom of page 22, lead to statements by suspects. section 9, "Evaluating the Reliability of Incriminating 16 Q. And can you tell me how often you have been 16 Statements, Admissions, and Confessions" -- that lays 17 retained to review statements by witnesses? out the -- essentially methodology or how to evaluate 18 A. I don't know the exact percentage. I would whether a statement has indicia of reliability or estimate that, maybe, 5 or 10 percent of the cases unreliability. Earlier in the report, there is a involve interrogation of witnesses who then make discussion of proven false confessions, and -- and the accusations that are disputed or agree to accusations 21 -- the way in which the criteria for classifying a that are disputed. But, again, just to be really 22 confession as a proven false confession in the research 23 clear, that's just an estimate. I don't know what the 23 literature. But, again, in -- in my consulting and 24 exact number is. 24 expert witness work, it's rare that I am asked to 25 Q. And can you tell me the -- the last case, 25 evaluate whether a confession is true or false. Page 82 Page 84 1 prior to your involvement in -- in this Fulton Mitchell 1 Q. How do you -- what is your definition of a 2 matter, that you were asked to evaluate the statement "false confession"? 3 of a witness? A. A false confession would be any -- any A. I -- I don't recall the last case, but when 4 incriminating statement, admission, or confession that 5 you were going through my deposition list, there was a 5 is factually false. It could be a partially false 6 case, "Chestnut et al.," where there were three confession, or it could be a wholly false confession. Q. Would -- would that include situations where witnesses, I believe, who were coerced into making what 8 a suspect, ultimately, pleads guilty to a crime? appears to be false accusations of individuals who have MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 1:57:54 been exonerated and brought a civil suit after their 10 A. Yeah, if the suspect pleads guilty but is 10 exonerations. 11 Q. Now, how do you typically think --11 factually innocent, then you could say, yes, he's 12 making a false admission in court, but that would be 12 A. And -- and --13 1:55:31 13 different from a false admission or a confession that's Q. Oh, I'm sorry. 14 A. I'm sorry. 14 generated through the interrogation process. 15 Q. Go ahead. 15 Q. Would your definition of a false confession 16 A. No, no, no, that was right. Three 16 include situations where a suspect has been convicted individuals who -- there were -- I think there were 17 of a crime and that conviction has -- has never been three witnesses -- there might have been more -- and overturned or impugned? 19 A. Well, it could include that if there was 19 there were three wrongly convicted individuals. 20 dispositive evidence that the confession was factually 20 Q. How do you typically analyze whether a 21 false. 21 particular interrogation has elicited a false 22 confession? Q. Does your definition also include situations where a suspect is claiming that he never gave a 23 A. Well, are -- are you talking about my 24 research for research purposes? confession or a statement to officers?

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A. Well, it could include that, if there is a

Q. I -- I'm talking when you have been retained

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statement that was signed or a statement that was
 alleged.

Q. What are some of the indicia of reliability that you look for that indicate that a confession is a true confession?

5 true contession?
6 A. Again, this is discussed in detail in the
7 report. Dispositive evidence that corroborates the
8 accuracy of the confession, the -- if the confession
9 contained details that were not fed to that suspect by
10 the police or learned from third parties, that were
11 highly unlikely to have been known or guessed by

12 chance, which is impossible, unless you have a full
13 recording of the interrogation, to know, but that would
14 be indicia of reliability as well.

Q. If somebody minimizes their responsibility or participation in a crime, is that indicative of a true confession?

A. It's not necessarily indicative of a true or 19 a false confession. We need to know more. So one 20 couldn't make that conclusion either way, just based on 21 whether the suspect minimizes or is responding to 22 minimization techniques by the detective.

23 Q. You're aware that people often minimize their 24 involvement in criminal activity, correct?

A. Sometimes people do minimize their

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1 cases. And one sees that pattern in false confession

2 -- multi-perpetrator false confession cases all the

3 time. The 2004 article of 125 false confessions that

4 you referred to earlier, I believe 30 percent of those

5 involved -- of those false confessions were cases in

6 which there had been more than one false confession.

7 Q. Doctor, if multiple perpetrators try to -- to

8 minimize how many times they -- they struck or punched

9 a victim and maximized the role of another perpetrator

10 in punching or striking the victim, does that factor

11 into determining how reliable that initial suspect's

12 statement is?

13 A. No, because that's an interrogation technique 14 the police use. It's called playing one against

15 another, as well as minimization, and that could lead

 $16\ \ to\ a\ true\ or\ a\ false\ confession.\ You\ need\ to\ know\ it's$

17 more likely, based on the experimental studies, to lead

18 to false confessions relative to true confessions, but

19 you need to know more about a case. You're kind of

20 doing this single-factor analysis where you're

21 extracting one thing and saying, "Could this lead to

22 something else," but most cases are much more

23 complicated than that.

Q. If one suspect claims that the other suspect used a bat to strike the victim, while the second

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1 involvement, if they're guilty. And sometimes they

2 also end up signing statements, if they're innocent,

3 and falsely confess to minimized accounts that they

4 have been fed or pressured to accept in the5 interrogation.

Q. Is it -- is it common in multiple perpetrator
cases for each person to minimize their own role and
maximize the role of another?

9 A. I -- I don't know whether that's common or 0 not. In some false confession cases, that's what we 1 see, for example, the Central Park Five case. We know

12 all five of them are factually innocent, dispositively,

absolutely proven. We know who committed the crime,

44 also dispositively proven. And when you go back and

15 look at those five false confessions, each of them

16 minimized. And they were responding to coercion and

threats and lies and minimization by the interrogators.

Q. In your work as an expert witness, have you 19 ever analyzed a case where multiple perpetrators tried 20 to -- to minimize their own role but maximize the role 21 of another?

A. I'm sure I have, but, you know, the way your question is -- is asked, I'm not sure if you're

24 referring to true or false confessions, but I'm sure I 25 have. I mean, I have -- I have worked on over 2,000 1 suspect claims that it was the first suspect who -- who

2 used a bat to strike the victim, how does that factor

3 into evaluating that first suspect's statement for

4 reliability?

MS. RICKERT: Object to form.

A. I -- I don't think you can answer that

7 question without knowing more about the facts in your

8 hypothetical. So I think it's an incomplete

9 hypothetical that simply can't be meaningfully

10 answered.

11 Q. If -- if -- if a suspect believes that --

12 believes that they can manipulate the result of an

13 interrogation, is that person likely to give a true

14 confession?

15 MS. RICKERT: Object to form.

A. I -- I -- I don't think that question can be

17 answered the way it's asked.

18 Q. Okay. If -- if an individual is hoping for

19 leniency, is -- that's -- mean that that person is

20 likely to give a true confession?

MS. RICKERT: Objection to form.

22 A. I -- I -- yeah, I -- I -- I think there

3 would need to be more foundation to that question. I

24 think it's an incomplete hypothetical. I think it asks

25 for speculation. I don't think it could be coherently

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Page 89 Page 91 1 answered. 1 RECORDER: Back on record, 1:36 p.m. Q. Okay. If someone desires to throw 2 Q. Doctor, I'm showing you, again, what's been 3 investigators off of evidence, is that person likely to 3 marked as Exhibit 1, your report produced in this case. 4 give a true confession? Do you see the document I have displayed on the screen? A. Again, I don't think that question can be 6 answered. We would need to know more than just that. Q. I'm on page 23 of the document, Doctor. And Q. Can you tell me how the passage of time I want to direct your attention. Do you see where my 8 affects somebody's ability to give a true or false cursor is here? confession? A. Yes. 10 MS. RICKERT: Objection to form. 2:04:39 Q. That sentence that starts "If the suspect's 10 11 A. Again -post-admission," if you will just follow along with me 12 WITNESS: Sorry. silently as I read aloud. "If the suspect's 13 A. You need to ask a more specific question. post-admission narrative corroborates details only the 14 I'm not sure what you mean by "passage of time." police know, leads to new or previously undiscovered Q. Well, if a murder happened ten years ago and evidence of guilt, explains apparent crime fact 15 16 you're interrogating a suspect for the first time, anomalies, and is corroborated by independent facts and 17 let's say, today, are you aware of any research that evidence, then the suspect's post-admission narrative 17 18 either you have conducted or others that indicate how objectively demonstrates that he possesses the actual 19 the passage of time might impact that ability to knowledge that would be known only to the true 20 accurately remember the facts of the crime? perpetrator, and therefore may be strong evidence of 21 A. Off the top of my head, no. 21 guilt." Did I read that correctly? 22 Q. Okay. If -- if an individual is under 22 2:07:56 A. Yes. 23 investigation for -- for one specific crime, are you 23 Q. Can you tell me -- can you explain what you 24 aware of any research that indicates how likely they 24 mean there by "strong evidence of guilt"? 25 are to confess to another crime that they did commit, A. Well, statistically, that that -- depending 25 Page 90 Page 92 1 but which are not under investigation for? 1 on the likelihood of guessing any of this information A. No, off the top of my head, I'm not aware of 2 by chance and, of course, controlling for any police 3 any. 2:05:33 contamination, that that would create a probability or 4 Q. If someone has a guilty conscience, are they inference of likely guilt. 5 likely to give a true confession? Q. I -- I guess my question is how -- how does A. Your question seems tautological, but I'm --6 this allow you to test the reliability of a statement? 7 I'm -- you -- we would -- again, we would need to know A. It's just one part of the analysis. more information to answer that question. Q. Okay. If a suspect had repressed memories Q. If somebody is trying to protect an because they were too traumatic, could that person 10 accomplice, is that person likely to give a truthful still give a confession and provide what you call 11 confession? 11 strong evidence of guilt? 12 A. Again, your question kind of presumes a 12 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 2:08:52 13 particular answer, and one would need more information. A. Well, there's kind of a problem with the 13 14 COMPUTER GENERATED VOICE: Hello. This is a premise of your question. Repressed memories don't 15 message from California Pacific Medical Center Physical 15 really exist. And to the extent that they do, they 16 Therapy Department. We have received a referral and 16 seem to be exceedingly rare and not really repressed 17 would like to schedule -memories. Maybe you're referring to forgotten 18 2:06:43 Q. Is that you, Doctor? 18 memories. I -- but I'm not sure. So I -- I guess I 19 A. No, I have my answering machine but the phone 19 need you to rephrase the question to answer it. 20 ringer is silent but the answering machine is not 20 Q. Well, if somebody participated in a crime but 21 silent. 21 the crime being so traumatic that person has repressed 22 MR. MCCARTER: Let's go off the record for a 22 certain portions of the acts from their memory, does 23 moment. 23 that person possess the capabilities to give a truthful 24 RECORDER: Off record, 1:23 p.m. confession?

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A. I -- I -- I can't answer that question

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- 1 because the premise is flawed. In other words, science
- 2 has found that people don't repress memories. There's
- 3 no repression mechanism where people repress the
- 4 memory, as if it didn't occur. Traumatic events are
- 5 more salient. So it's kind of a nonsensical -- from my
- 6 perspective, a nonsensical question at the premise. If
- 7 you change the premise, I can answer the question, but
- 8 it's a little bit like asking, "Well, if elephants can
- 9 fly, then" -- well, elephants can't fly. So the "then"
- 10 part doesn't make sense to answer.
- 11 Q. Now, you would agree with me that some
- 12 coercion is permitted in a police interrogation,
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. Depends on what you mean by "coercion." I
- 15 would agree that some pressure, some stress, some
- 16 manipulation is legally permitted, but I -- I wouldn't
- 17 agree with the statement that some coercion is
- 18 permitted.
- 19 Q. Yeah, you mentioned "stress," and then what
- 20 was the -- what came after "stress" in your answer?
- 21 A. I think I said, "stress, pressure, and
- 22 manipulation."
- 23 Q. "Pressure, manipulation." Now you would
- 24 agree that virtually every confession is against the
- 25 suspect's self-interest, correct?

- 1 interrogator.
- Q. How would you define "stress" in the context
- 3 of police interrogations?
- 4 A. I would define "stress" as any techniques
- 5 that cause the suspect to experience distress.
- 6 Q. How would you provide -- define pressure in
- 7 the context of police interrogation?
- 8 A. As any techniques that exert pressure on the
- 9 suspect. I don't know what a good synonym for
- 10 "pressure" would be.
- 11 Q. How would you define "manipulation" in the
- 12 context of a police interrogation?
- 13 A. Any techniques that try to change the
- 14 perceptions of the suspect.
- 15 Q. Now, you would agree with me that not all
- 16 coercion and interrogation is illegal, correct?
 - MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 2:13:18
- 18 A. Yeah, it sort of depends on what you're
- 19 talking about. From a legal sense, I would say that
- 20 coercion is unlawful in that any -- any suspect's
- 21 confession that's the product of legal coercion kind of
- 22 by definition is involuntary and violates the
- 23 Fourteenth or Fifth Amendment or both, Due Process
- 24 Clause. From a psychological standpoint -- maybe
- 25 that's what you were asking -- I would say that a -- it

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- 1 A. As we conceive self-interest in our society, 2 yes.
- 3 Q. Okay. And you would concede that there is
- 4 numerous true and legally valid confessions given to
- 5 police every year, correct?

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- A. I think that's a fair assumption, yes. 2:11:21
- Q. In every instance of a confession, almost by
- 8 definition, the suspect, in some way, was either
- 9 stressed, pressured, or manipulated to give a statement
- 10 against his self-interest, correct?
- 11 A. It -- it depends on how long the
- 12 interrogation was, what the interrogation techniques
- 13 were when there were -- when there were
- 14 guilt-presumptive accusatory techniques, yes.
- 15 Q. Now, you're not saying that all legal -- and
- 16 that all confessions given to police every year are
- 17 improper confessions, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Doctor, how -- how would you define
- 20 "coercion" in -- in the -- the context of a police
- 21 interrogation?
- 22 A. I would define "coercion" as any technique or
- 23 techniques that individually or cumulatively cause a
- 24 person to perceive he or she has no meaningful choice
- 25 but to comply with the demands or requests of the

- 1 may be that a psychologist would say, "This is
- 2 psychologically coercive based on the research
- 3 literature," and a judge would say, "It's not legally
- 4 coercive." So it could be that there is a difference
- 5 of opinion based on a different standard or analysis.
- 6 Q. Yelling could be coercive, but it's not
- 7 unlawful, correct?
- 8 A. Well, I -- I -- I guess I want to know
- 9 what you mean by "unlawful." Yelling may or may not be
- 10 illegally coercive, if that's what you're referring to,
- 11 but if it were deemed to be legally coercive, then it
- 12 would seem, by definition, it would lead to an
- 13 involuntary statement that would be unlawful in the
- 14 sense that the statement would be excluded or
- 15 suppressed under the Fourteenth Amendment. So the law
- 16 that would be broken there would be a constitutional
- 17 prohibition, but the police officer would not be
- 18 presumably charged with that, since the normal remedy
- 19 for a constitutional violation is exclusion of the
- 20 evidence, if that's what you're asking.
- 21 MS. RICKERT: And I want to object, Matthew,
- 22 to any questions seeking a legal opinion from Dr. Leo.
- 23 He is not here to give an opinion on -- on the law in
- 24 any way, shape, or form.
- 25 MR. MCCARTER: That's fine.

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Page 97 Page 99 Q. And, Doctor, you would agree with me that a 1 report. Any technique or techniques that individually 2 false evidence ploy could be coercive, but it's not 2 or cumulatively cause the suspect or are likely to 3 necessarily unconstitutional such that it has to result cause the suspect to perceive that he or she has no 4 in the exclusion of the statement, correct? meaningful choice but to comply with the demands or MS. RICKERT: And objection. He is not here 5 requests of the interrogator. 6 to testify about what is constitutional, nor is he an Q. Is there any coercive tactics that police may expert in that realm. employ during interrogation that you believe do not Q. Doctor, are you going to follow the advice of overbear the will of a suspect? Counsel and not answer the question? A. Well, yes, in the abstract, most MS. RICKERT: I didn't advise him not to 10 interrogation techniques by themselves do not overbear 11 answer. I am objecting to the question as improper and the will of the suspect, but I -- we would need to fill 12 saying that it is not within the scope of his report or 12 that in with context. So I'm not saying that, in my 13 the scope of his expertise or even a proper matter to opinion, interrogation -- all interrogation techniques 14 -- for anyone as to give an opinion on. He can answer are psychologically coercive or inherently coercive. 15 if he can. We need to know more about what occurred during the 16 A. Can you repeat the question? 16 interrogation. 17 MR. MCCARTER: Maigan, if you wouldn't mind 17 Q. Building a rapport with a suspect could be a reading the question back, please. psychologically coercive interrogation tactic, correct? 18 19 (Record replayed) 19 A. There might be extreme examples of it. You would have to tell me, but typically that technique is 20 RECORDER: Let me go further back. 2.16.16 20 21 not considered psychologically coercive. (Record replayed) 22 22 Q. Is it your testimony that all coercive RECORDER: Do you want me to go further back? 23 I think it got cut off. 23 techniques in police interrogations result in an overbearing of the suspect's will? 24 MR. MCCARTER: Yeah, I think about two --25 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation and 25 (Record replayed) Page 98 Page 100 MR. MCCARTER: I'm --1 form. 2:18:55 2 (Record replayed) A. From a psychological point of view, when 3 RECORDER: Do you want me to repeat anything? there are psychologically coercive techniques, then, 4 Q. Doctor -yes, we assume that the -- the suspect's will has been 5 WITNESS: No, no. overborne in the sense that they involuntarily agreed to give or make a confession from a psychological point 6 Q. -- do you --7 A. Yes. of view. 8 Q. Did you understand? Q. Okay. What about any coercive tactic? Is it 9 A. Sorry. your testimony here today that any coercive tactic 10 Q. You can go ahead -employed by officers results in an interrogation that A. Yes, I heard the question. was given by overpowering the suspect's will? 11 O. You can go ahead and answer. A. I don't think that's a fair statement of my 12 12 A. It could be coercive, or it could contribute 13 testimony. 13 to a coercive interrogation but does not necessarily 14 Q. Okay. Doctor, you gave an interview to the 15 lead to exclusion of the evidence. I think that was 15 Innocence Project in Print in approximately 2011. Do your question, yes. you recall that interview? 16 2:20:07 17 Q. Now, all modern police interrogation involves 17 A. Vaguely. some degree of psychological coercion, correct? Q. Okay. Doctor, do you see the document I have 18 18 19 MS. RICKERT: Objection --19 just displayed on the screen? 20 A. No. Incorrect. 20 A. I do. 21 WITNESS: Sorry. 2:17:19 21 Q. Do you recognize this document? Do you need me to scroll through it a minute? 22 22 Q. What is your definition of "psychological coercion" in the context of a police interrogation? A. I'm not sure what you mean by "recognize." I see the document, if that's what you mean by 24 A. The same definition that I just mentioned a little while ago and that's written about in the "recognize."

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Page 101 Page 103 Q. Have you ever seen this document before? 1 Not necessarily. You could have an intensely 2 A. I don't recall if I have, or I have not. pressure-filled or coercive interrogation for a 3 Q. Okay. Do you recall this interview with the nonserious crime, or you could have it for a serious 4 Innocence Project in Print? crime. It's more likely the police will invest the A. Vaguely, yes. 5 resources in more serious crimes. And so that's why Q. Okay. Do you recall if this was something you -- that's -- that -- that's part of the reason why 7 that they -- the Innocence Project in Print initially you tend to have more coercive interrogations in more contacted you for, or you contacted Innocence Project -- in -- in more serious crimes, but there's not in Print? necessarily a logical relationship between the severity 10 A. No, they -- they would have contacted me. I of the interrogation and the severity of the crime. 11 wouldn't have contacted them. Q. Does the severity of the crime accused matter 11 12 Q. Do you recall if you were paid for this 12 at all to the level of coercive pressure? 13 interview? MS. RICKERT: Objection to form. 13 A. No, I was not paid for this interview. 14 2:21:19 14 A. Yeah, it's a very vague and ambiguous 15 Q. I want to direct your attention. I'm on PDF question. It could. 15 16 page 4 of the document here. And we can go ahead and Q. Okay. Now, you would agree it's not fully 16 possible to recreate real-world conditions in a 17 mark this. I think we're up to Exhibit 7. If you will 18 just follow along with me, Doctor, as I read out loud. laboratory experiment, correct? "Innocence Project, 'Are interrogations ever good and 19 Depending on the phenomena under study, yes. 20 necessary?' Richard Leo, 'You need confessions to 20 Q. Okay. Now, suspects are sometimes questioned 21 solve crimes, especially murder crimes, and as long as 21 by multiple different officers? 22 A. Correct. 22 confessions are done fairly and legally, we're 23 absolutely in favor of the interrogations that produce 23 Q. And -- and -- and sometimes suspects are 24 questioned by people other than officers, such as 24 them. We don't want to undermine the ability of the 25 police, most of whom are good and decent people who 25 state's attorneys, correct? Page 104 Page 102 1 follow the rules, to get these confessions. As long as 1 A. In Chicago, yes. 2 you do things fairly and properly, it shouldn't Q. Well, you would agree with me that officers 3 endanger the innocent." Did I read that correctly? aren't the only one who interrogate suspects. Across A. Yes. the country, there could be various prosecutors that Q. Do you recall stating that during the could also interrogate a suspect, correct? 6 interview? A. That's theoretically possible, but that A. I -- I don't recall the -- the -- what I said rarely occurs outside of Chicago. 7 8 and didn't say because it was 12 years ago, but I have Q. Okay. Now, are you aware of any research on 9 no reason to doubt that that -- that's an accurate the likelihood of a suspect providing a false 10 statement of what I said. confession to -- to four different groups of people 11 Q. Do you, as you sit here today, still agree over the course of several years? 12 with that statement? A. No, not -- not -- not as you have asked the 13 A. Yes, I -- I do agree with that statement. I question. That's a much too specific question. We guess the only thing I would add, though, is that false tend to think in broader categories, interrogations 15 evidence ploys and minimization are considered, just by involving particular interrogation techniques. So at 16 themselves, to be legal, and they do increase the risk 16 the level at which you have asked that question, no. 17 of false confessions. So if I were to make the 17 Q. Are you aware of any research that exists 18 regarding how often an individual is likely to repeat a 18 statement today, and it might be an excerpted statement, I might add some qualifications, but I -- I 19 false confession? 20 agree with the spirit of what I'm saying here, yes. 20 A. Not how likely, no, but we have many cases 21 Q. I want to talk about some real-world testing 21 where they have repeated false confessions.

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25 times?

22 now. You would agree with me that the -- the severity

23 of the crime accused matters to evaluating the strength

24 of the coercive pressure in an interrogation, correct?
 MS. RICKERT: Objection to form.

Q. Are you aware of any research that studies

23 how often that happens, where a suspect repeats a false24 confession to multiple different people at different

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Page 105 Page 107 A. No, but we have many cases in which that has 1 articulate in the report, whether it falls into a 2 -- we have studied many cases in which that has 2 proven false confession case -- end of story, if it 3 happened. does -- or to evaluate the section that I referred to Q. Are you aware of any research on -- on the earlier in the answer to one of my questions, the 5 likelihood of any confession being a false confession methodology from evaluating the likely reliability or 6 where three different people give similar factual unreliability or indicia of reliability or 7 statements regarding their involvement in the same unreliability of the statement or statements. crime? Q. If the statements by those three individuals in my hypothetical were made to three different A. No, because, again, you're asking about 10 likelihood, which is frequency. But, again, we have investigators, does that provide any additional evidence regarding the indicia of reliability 11 lots of real-world documented cases where that has 12 happened. 12 associated with any of those three statements? 13 Q. But -- but you can't answer any question A. No, who -- who the suspect makes the statement to does not provide any -- does not have any 14 regarding how frequently a false confession is given in bearing really on the indicia of unreliability. The -any context, isn't that fair? the -- it's really the wrong question. Now, there 16 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 2:27:09 17 A. Well, no. We -- we can answer that in might be circumstances, like if it was John Burge or Guevara or Kato, you know, these Chicago police 18 control of laboratory studies, but if you're talking officers who have long histories of eliciting multiple about in the real word, again, we have talked about false confessions, but you have to look at the this. There is no way of estimating the frequency. We interrogation techniques -- it's not the interrogator 21 don't have access to that kind of data because there is -- the interrogation techniques and the surrounding 22 no database that the government has collected. And 23 evidence. 23 even if they had, they wouldn't share it with 24 Q. If the interrogator has a history of -- so if 24 researchers. 25 I understand you correctly, you only considered the 25 Q. Does a scenario where -- where multiple Page 108 Page 106 1 different people give a factually similar statement 1 history of the interrogator if he has a history of 2 regarding their involvement in the same crime, does 2 eliciting what -- what you allege are -- are proven 3 that mean the statement -- the statements given by false confessions. Is that an accurate summation of 4 those individuals are -- are true confessions? 4 your answer? 5 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 2:27:57 A. I -- I don't think that's an accurate A. Do -- you have to look at the facts of the summation, no. What I'm saying is there are some

7 case in order to answer that question. You simply can't answer it in the abstract. So Central Park jogger case, five false confessions. Norfolk Four 10 case, four proven false confessions. Beatrice Six 11 case, multiple proven false confessions. We can just 12 go on and on and on. There are numerous cases where 13 multiple individuals have given false confessions or false statements. The fact that more than one person confesses, similarly, doesn't make it necessarily a true confession. We need to know more about the 17 circumstances of the interrogation and more about the surrounding evidence to answer a question like that. 19 Q. What methodology would you employ to evaluate 20 the statements of those three individuals in a 21 situation like my previous question? A. I would want to gather all the evidence I possibly could from -- ideally, starting with recorded

24 interrogations, interrogation transcripts, and case

25 files. And I would want to use the methodology that I

police officers who are notorious for having physically coerced false and true confessions. And that might be the situation where that person -- that person's history would have relevance to the analysis, but -- in a kind of secondary way -- but the primary focus would be what happened during the interrogation, and what does the surrounding evidence tell us. 13 14 Q. Would it follow then if an investigator has a 15 history of using noncoercive techniques during 16 interrogation, that that investigator's history could be a factor in evaluating the indicia of reliability of 18 a statement? 19 A. Not the indicia of -- of reliability in a 20 statement, but if there was a documented history of proper interrogation techniques, that might go to other 22 questions we could ask. We gotta focus on what occurred in the interrogation and what the surrounding evidence shows us in any particular case. 24 Q. Are you aware of any research regarding the

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Page 109 Page 111 1 reliability of statements that have been given to 1 suspect? 2 multiple different investigators? A. I believe Mr. Jakes -- Anthony Jakes was a MS. RICKERT: Objection to form. 2:32:01 juvenile at the time he was interrogated, but I would A. No, not -- not as you phrased the question. have to double-check. I believe that Jesus Sanchez was 5 But, again, we have studied many interrogations that 5 a juvenile at the time he was interrogated, but, again, 6 have been given to multiple different investigators. 6 I would have to double-check. I think that's it. Q. Okay. Now, if I understand you correctly, There were some juvenile witnesses in "Chestnut v. --8 there -- there -- there is no test or evaluation that et al. v. Kincaid," but I believe the rest of those 9 you could perform on any one confession to determine if individuals were adults or young adults at the time of 10 that confession is true or false without comparing that their interrogation. 11 confession to any other evidence, correct? 11 Q. In the Jakes or Sanchez case, did the suspect 12 MS. RICKERT: Object to foundation. 2:32:37 12 have a parent or guardian present in the room for the 13 A. Yes, you have to get outside the police interrogation? A. I don't recall that they did. I would have 14 interrogation and look at the surrounding evidence to 15 to go back and -- and look at those cases, but that's 15 evaluate the likely reliability or unreliability of a 16 particular statement. 16 not my recollection. 17 Q. Just -- just looking at one version of --O. And -- and that's for both the Jakes case and 18 the Sanchez case? 18 strike that. Just looking at -- at one version of how 19 A. Yeah, that's my recollection. 19 a confession was obtained is not enough to judge the 20 reliability of that confession without comparing the 20 Q. Jumping back to your report, Doctor, I'm 21 looking at page 22. Do you see the document I have 21 facts of the confession and the statement obtained to placed on the screen? 22 the other evidence in a case, correct? 23 A. Yes. 23 A. Yes, looking at the techniques just tells you 24 the risks that those techniques create for eliciting Q. Looking at this paragraph where I placed my 25 cursor, it's highlighted there. Do you see that? 25 false confessions. And if it's a false confession, Page 112 Page 110 1 that could help explain why you would have got the 1 2 false confession, but in order to evaluate the likely Q. You can just follow along with me as I read 3 reliability of the statement, you have to look at the out loud. "Juveniles are especially vulnerable to the 4 independent evidence and compare it to that independent pressure of psychological interrogation and increased 5 evidence -risk of making or agreeing to a false confession Q. In your --6 because of their psychosocial immaturity, which affects 7 A. -- in the ways that I articulated in my their perceptions, reasoning process, judgments, and 2:33:37 8 decision-making." Did I read that correctly? Q. In your history -- experience as providing A. Yes. opinions in both criminal and civil cases, have you 10 Q. Can you tell me what the basis is for this 11 asked -- ever asked -- strike that. Have you ever statement? 12 asked to give an opinion regarding the confession taken Decades of research about juveniles, 13 of a juvenile suspect to determine whether or not there empirical research about how their brains work, how 14 was evidence of coercion? they behave, their -- how they -- you know, the -- the 15 A. Yes. -- the development of their brain, and their 16 Q. Can you estimate for me how many times? 16 personality traits and how it affects their reasoning 17 A. I would really be guessing, but anywhere from and behavior and perceptions and judgments. 17 dozens to hundreds. 18 Q. Do you recall --A. So there's substantial -- there's substantial 19 Q. Doctor, I'm showing you, again, what we have 19 20 marked previously as Exhibit 3. Do you see the 20 research on this. 21 document I have displayed on the screen? 21 Q. Do you recall --22 A. Yes. 2:34:27 22 A. The -- the -- this type of statement that's 23 Q. Can you tell me if any of these cases, in disputed, anybody would dispute. Q. Do you recall any of that research or studies 24 which you have previously given a deposition in, 24

25 as you sit here today?

involved you analyzing the statement of a juvenile

Page 29 (Pages 113-116) Page 113 Page 115 A. It's reviewed in a footnote. The -- there's 1 So maybe -- maybe what you mean is "mentally normal 2 -- there's a footnote. Well, there's lots of 2 adults" as opposed to adults who have low IQs or adults 3 footnotes, but footnote 26, which is -- starts on the who are mentally ill. 4 preceding page, reviews this -- this literature. So I Q. You would agree with me, though, that not all would just direct you to footnote 26. juveniles are, as you called them, "especially Q. Okay. Okay. Footnote 26 seems to refer to vulnerable," right? 7 an article by Mr. Kassin, 2022, titled, "Duped, Why MS. RICKERT: Objection to form. 8 Innocent People Confess and Why We Believe Them." Do 8 A. Well, as a group, they are more vulnerable, you see that? I could place my cursor there. Do you especially depending on their age. see that, Doctor? 10 Q. Individually, though, you would agree with me 11 A. Yes, that's a book, not an article, but I see that some juveniles you could not classify as 12 it. "especially vulnerable" to the pressures of 13 Q. Okay. Are you aware if that -- or if that psychological interrogation, correct? A. I would have to know more about the facts of 14 book differentiates between how likely juveniles are -give true versus false confessions? 15 the individual. 16 A. Again, we can't answer that question. We Q. You're aware that some juveniles end up being 16 17 don't know the frequency of true and false confessions. 17 charged as adults for crimes, correct? No researcher can answer that question. The government A. In some states, yes. 2:41:46 18 doesn't have a database of true and false confessions. 19 Q. Yeah. Are you aware of what factors courts We're not allowed -- we wouldn't be able to access it consider in those states to determine whether or not to 21 even if they did. Police don't just release materials charge a juvenile with a crime as an adult? 21 22 like that to research -- researchers. So there is 22 A. No, you would have to refresh my 23 simply no way, unless and until the government creates 23 recollection. 24 a database and that database can be accessed. There's Q. Okay. When forming your opinions in this 24 25 no way of answering frequency questions, whether it's 25 case, did you consider the cognitive ability of Mr. Page 116 Page 114 1 frequency of true confessions or frequency of false 1 Fulton? 2 confessions, frequency of juvenile confessions or 2 A. I don't believe I reviewed any -- any records 3 frequency of adult confessions, true or false. We have 3 on that. 4 lots of cases of true and false confessions. We have Q. So is that a "no"? 5 studied the patterns of those cases, but the frequency A. Unless I am misremembering, yes. 5 6 questions simply can't be answered. Q. Okay. Did you review any records regarding Q. Did this book study how -- or differentiate the cognitive ability of Mr. Mitchell in forming your 8 between interrogation tactics and the effect it had on opinions here? a juvenile giving a true or false confession?

- 10 A. It discussed interrogation techniques and how 11 and why those techniques increased the risk of
- 12 eliciting true and false confessions and why juveniles
- 13 are especially vulnerable to agreeing to and or making
- false confessions in response to police interrogations.
- 15 Q. Do you agree that juveniles are also more 16 susceptible to be influenced to give true statements?
- 17 A. I agree that juveniles are more susceptible
- 18 to making statements, but I -- no, I don't agree that
- they're more likely to give true -- true statements.
- 20 Q. Are juveniles more susceptible to give true
- 21 statements than adults are susceptible to give true
- 22 statements?
- 23 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 2:40:32
- A. I think you would need to know more than just
- 25 whether somebody is a juvenile to answer that question.

- A. Not that I recall.
- Q. Did you review any cognitive -- strike that.
- 11 Did you review any records regarding the cognitive
- ability of Ms. Griffin in forming your opinions here?
- A. Not that I recall. 2:42:42 13
- 14 Q. If -- did you consider any personality traits
- 15 of Mr. Fulton when forming your opinions in this case?
- A. Well, as I discuss in the report, his age,
- and also his AD -- his diagnosis of ADHD. 17
- Q. Anything else? 18
- A. Not that I recall off the top of my head. 19
- 20 Q. Did you consider the personality of traits of
 - Mr. Mitchell in forming your opinions in this case?
- A. His age. My recollection, his age. 22
 - O. Did -- anything else?
- 24 A. Off the top of my head, not that I recall.
- 25 Q. Did you consider the personality traits of

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Page 117 Page 119 2:47:11 1 Ms. Griffin in forming your opinions in this case? 1 A. Yes. A. Again, her age. 2 Q. Do you agree with that statement? Oh, I'm Q. Did you ever ask to review the school records 3 sorry. 3 A. To the best of my knowledge, that's an 4 of Mr. Fulton, Mr. Mitchell, or Ms. Griffin prior to 4 rendering your opinions in this case? empirically accurate statement. 6 A. Not that I recall. Q. Showing you, Doctor, what we have marked as Q. Are you aware if there was requirement in Exhibit 7. Do you see the document I have displayed on 2003 under Illinois law for a parent to be present in the screen? interrogation of a juvenile? A. Yes. 10 A. I don't recall. Q. If you will just follow along with me, 10 11 Q. Do you need a moment, Doctor? We could take starting where I placed my cursor, as I read aloud. 12 a break. "Innocence Project, 'Can having the parents present 13 A. No, I'm good. Thanks. during an interrogation be a protection?' Richard Leo, Q. Would you agree that sometimes parents in a 14 'I have always been skeptical about the idea of getting police interview could become agents of the police? 15 a guardian or parent in the room because the police A. Yes. 2:44:24 16 16 make up evidence and that they tell the parents, 'We 17 O. Parents can sometimes do more harm than good 17 have people saying he did this.' Then the parents are while sitting in a police interrogation, correct? 18 like, 'Joe, stop lying. You need to tell the officer 19 A. That was certainly the case in the Central 19 the truth.' So the parents become agents, oftentimes, 20 Park jogger case. Yes, it's possible. of the police. Most parents just aren't street smart." Did I read that correctly? 21 Q. Sorry. Doctor, do you see the document I 22 have displayed on the screen? A. Yes. 2:48:25 23 A. I do. 2:45:47 23 Q. Do you still agree with that statement? Q. Let me just scroll up to the top of it here. 24 A. I would agree with that statement with 25 We can mark this as Exhibit 8. Doctor, do you 25 qualification. Obviously, there is some circumstances Page 120 Page 118 1 recognize this document? 1 in which parents will act differently and have more 2 experience and may protect the interests of their A. I do. 3 child, but much of the time, as the article that you 3 Q. What do you recognize this to be? A. So this is a 2010 review article in which I just quoted from indicates, they don't. And that was the spirit of the comment in this interview. am one of, I think, six coauthors called "Police MR. MCCARTER: We can go off the record for a 6 Induced Confessions," colon, "Risk Factors and 6 7 moment. 7 Recommendations," and it was published in the Journal 8 RECORDER: Off record, 2:18 p.m. of Law and Human Behavior. 9 (Off the record) Q. I want to scroll down to -- I'm on PDF page 10 RECORDER: Back on record, 2:51 p.m. 2:49:18 28 of this document. Doctor, do you see where I have 11 Q. Doctor, I'm sharing, again, what we have 11 placed my cursor here with the circle? 12 marked as Exhibit 1, your report produced in this case. 12 A. Yes. 13 Do you see the document I have displayed on the screen? Q. Do you need me to zoom in at all? 13 14 14 A. I -- I can see it. I -- yeah, thanks. A. Yes. 15 Q. I'm at page 36. Do you see this highlighted 15 Q. No problem. Just follow along with me, 16 Doctor, as I read aloud. "Yet research suggests that portion where my cursor is here? 17 A. Yes. 17 the presence of an interested adult does not increase 18 Q. If you will just follow along with me as I 18 the rate at which juveniles assert their constitutional 19 read aloud. "An interrogator's guilt-presumptive or 19 rights because these adults, often passive, frequently 20 urge their youths to cooperate with police, a tendency 20 truth-presumptive investigative tactics substantially 21 increase the risk of eliciting involuntary, false, and 21 observed both in the U.S., Grisso and Ring, 1979; unreliable statements, admissions, and or confessions 22 Oberlander and Goldstein, 2001; and in the UK, where 23 from innocent suspects." Did I read that correctly? 23 the law provides for access to an," quote, "appropriate 24 adult," end quote, "Pearse and" -- another author, 24 2:50:02 A. Yes. 25 25 "1996." Did I read that correctly? Q. Can you explain what that means?

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A. That sometimes interrogators prematurely form

- 2 a presumption of guilt and a presumption that they know
- 3 what the truth is, and they interrogate a suspect with
- 4 the goal of getting a confession that increases -- I --
- 5 I'm sorry -- getting a confession that confirms their
- 6 preexisting beliefs, rather than evaluating the
- 7 existing evidence and keeping an open mind about
- whether the suspect is guilty or innocent.
- Q. And can you explain to me how an
- 10 investigator's presumption might impact their ability
- to elicit a truthful confession?
- 12 A. If they stop investigating the case with an
- 13 open mind and instead focus on proving the person's
- 14 guilt that they believe did it, that can impact the
- 15 likelihood of their getting a false confession.
- 16 Q. Could an investigator use an
- 17 innocent-presumptive bias, but still get a suspect to
- give a false or unreliable statement?
- 19 A. I'm -- I'm not sure I understand your
- 20 question when you say "an innocent-presumptive bias."
- 21 Q. Well, you talk in your report here about a
- guilt-presumptive bias. So I'm wondering if an
- innocent-presumptive bias impacts an officer's ability
- 24 to also get a truthful confession.
- 25 A. Since interrogation, by design, is

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- A. Can you read the question back?
- 2 RECORDER: And, Matthew, just to give you a
- warning, it will stop your screen sharing. So just one 3
- moment.
- MR. MCCARTER: Get it off here. 5
 - (Record replayed)
- 7 RECORDER: Do you need me to repeat any?
 - WITNESS: No.

- A. I -- I'm just not aware of any research on a preexisting presumption of innocence -- or -- or
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- "innocent-presumptive bias," I think might have been
- 12 the words you used. Again, interrogation in America,
- by design, is guilt-presumptive, not the opposite of
- guilt-presumptive.
- Q. So you're not aware of any research or -- or
- 16 analysis of an innocent-presumptive or -- you know, an
- innocent-presumptive bias in regards to its effect on
- the reliability of a statement elicited during an
- 19 interrogation?
- 20 A. Well, I thought you were asking about the
- risk of false confession -- innocent-presumptive bias
- and the risk of false confession.
- 23 Q. Well, okay. Let's go back then, just to make
- 24 sure we're all clear. If an investigator has a
- 25 preexisting innocent-presumptive bias, would that put

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- 1 guilt-presumptive -- there's no reason why what you're
- 2 saying is not theoretically possible, but since, in
- 3 America, interrogation is guilt-presumptive by design,
- 4 you don't usually see innocent presumptive
- 5 interrogations.
- Q. So am I understanding you correctly to say 6
- that all police interrogations in America are
- guilt-presumptive interrogations?
- A. That's how police are trained, to only
- interrogate after they have concluded, in their mind,
- that the person committed the crime. And what I'm
- 12 trying to explain in the report is that that
- 13 presumption, in my opinion, based on the materials I
- 14 reviewed, was formed prematurely and recklessly, and
- 15 that is what increases the risk of eliciting a false
- 16 confession.
- 17 Q. If an investigator had a preexisting
- presumption of innocence, would that put the suspect at
- an increased risk of making or agreeing to a false
- 20 statement just to satisfy the investigator?
- 21 MR. MCCARTER: Julia, it looks like you're
- 22 muted. 2:52:53 MS. RICKERT: Sorry. Thank you. I --23
- 24 objection to the form of the question.
- Q. Did -- did you understand the question?

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- 1 the suspect at an increased risk of giving a false statement merely to satisfy that investigator?
- 3 A. In theory, it should not.
 - - Q. Why is that? 2:55:10
- A. Because if the investigator had what you're
- calling an innocent-presumptive bias, then it would
- seem that they would objectively and even-handedly and
- neutrally evaluate the evidence and any discrepancies
- in the evidence. And they would want to thoroughly
- evaluate all the evidence before coming to the
- conclusion, in their mind, that somebody committed a
- 12 crime and then launching into a guilt-presumptive
- 13 interrogation. So it would seem that an officer, in
- theory, who had an innocent-presumptive bias would be
- more neutral, more objective, more through, more
- professional, and spend a lot more time evaluating the
- 17 evidence, particularly in a case like an arson or a
- murder or an arson murder, where there is substantial
- evidence that -- that that kind of investigator could
- 20 be reviewing and analyzing prior to forming a
- conclusion that somebody did or did not likely commit
- 22 the crime.
- 23 Q. One moment here. Doctor, you also talk in
- 24 your report about an investigator's "unwavering
- 25 presumption." Can -- can you tell me what you mean by

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Page 125 Page 127 Q. I want to get a little more specific here, "unwavering presumption"? 2 Doctor. Would telling a witness that you have other A. Yes, that in the -- in the face of contrary 3 evidence, the investigator's presumption doesn't waver, 3 inculpatory evidence alone elicit a false statement? 4 or appear to waver. That's -- the person is not A. It could, but usually there's a lot more to 5 it than just that. Usually, there's accusations. 5 deterred by the facts because their preexisting belief 6 is so strong that they are trying to gather evidence to 6 There's challenges of denials. There's an fit and confirm that belief, rather than take interrogation for a certain length of time. There discrepant information and think, "Well, maybe, I could might be multiple confrontations with evidence, as well as inducements, maybe threats or promises. So it's a be wrong. Maybe I need to modify my hypothesis." 10 little artificial to just say, "Can doing X lead to a 10 Q. Would an investigator's investigation of false confession?" Again, we need to know more. another alternative suspect negate what you call this 12 "unwavering presumption"? 12 There's usually a lot more going on in an interrogation 13 A. I need to know more. I would need to know 13 than a mere accusation and confrontation with evidence. 14 more about -- about the hypothetical. I think that's Q. Can you consider any one tactic in isolation an incomplete hypothetical. Maybe yes. Maybe no. to determine whether or not a suspect gave a false Gotta tell me more. 16 16 statement? 17 Q. And what kind of facts would you need to 17 MS. RICKERT: Objection. Foundation. 3:00:47 18 know? 18 A. Well, again, we -- we look to the surrounding 19 A. I would need to know more about the nature of evidence to evaluate the reliability or unreliability the crime. I would need to know more about the nature 20 of a statement. The techniques would help explain why of the evidence. I would need to know more about the 21 somebody would give a false statement. And they would person that you're calling an alternative suspect. 22 tell us about the risks of getting a false statement, Q. So how much of an investigation into an 23 but just looking at the techniques themselves is not 24 alternative suspect would you expect to see before 24 going to predict -- or is not going to allow you to 25 being able to say that an officer did not have an 25 evaluate the likely reliability or unreliability of the Page 126 Page 128 "unwavering presumption"? 1 statement. 2 MS. RICKERT: Object to the form. 2:58:38 Q. So when interviewing a witness, is it 3 A. I -- I don't think that question can be acceptable to tell that witness that police have 4 answered. already spoken to other witnesses and have the Q. Okay. When -- when you say --5 requisite indicia of reliability to rely on that 6 A. I would need more information. Go ahead. witness's statement? 3:01:33 Q. When you say "unwavering presumption," are MS. RICKERT: Objection to the form. 8 you referring to tunnel vision at all? A. I -- I don't really understand the second A. I'm not sure I heard your question. Did you part of your question. 10 say am I "referring to television"? 10 Q. Okay. Let's stick with just the first part 11 Q. No, let me ask it again. When you say 11 then. Is it acceptable for officers, when speaking to 12 "unwavering presumption," are you referring, as well, 12 a witness, to inform that witness that they have spoken 13 to tunnel vision, t-u-n-n-e-l? 13 to other witnesses? 14 A. Sorry. Yes, I think that's related, tunnel A. As you have stated it, no, but it could 15 vision. 15 become so. So if they were to just say, "I have spoken Q. Okay. If someone presumes innocence while 16 to other witnesses," we have no context. That doesn't 17 reinvestigating a crime or a conviction, could that seem to be suggestive or contaminating, but it could -lead to tunnel vision? 18 it could, depending on how that was said, when it was 19 A. If it -- it -- it shouldn't, in theory, said, what else we know about the interrogation. We 20 lead to tunnel vision. It could, in practice, but it 20 certainly wouldn't want a detective interviewing or 21 shouldn't, in theory. 21 interrogating a witness and suggesting what other

22 witnesses have said or arguing with the witness or even

25 what another witness said, would that be a form of

Q. Would speaking with a witness and suggesting

23 interrogating the witness.

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25 theory.

23 lead to tunnel vision?

Q. Could an unwavering presumption of innocence

A. Maybe -- maybe it could, but it shouldn't, in

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1 contamination?

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2 A. It could be, yes.

3 Q. Why?

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A. Because contamination is defined as leaking

- or disclosing nonpublic details about a crime. And if
- 6 the interrogator said, "We spoke with another witness,
- 7 and this witness said X, Y, and Z," it could be a form
- 8 of educating the witness about what the interrogator
- 9 wants to hear and, in effect, contaminating their
- 10 knowledge of the crime, if they don't know other
- 11 details about the crime.
- 12 Q. Would interviewing a witness and police state
- 13 the name of their suspect, would that be a form of
- 14 contamination?
 - A. Well, it could be, if it's not a publicly
- 16 known fact. It's -- it's essentially -- it could be
- 17 contaminating the witness about the police theory of
- 18 the crime.
- 19 Q. I want to move now to talk a little bit more
- 20 about recantations. Can you tell me how you can test
- 21 the reliability of a recantation?
- A. Well, you would, again, want to -- want to
- 23 evaluate the surrounding evidence and use the same
- 24 methodology that I describe in the report on the
- 25 section on evaluating the likely indicia of reliability

- 1 wrongful convictions. Just because a jury convicts
- 2 somebody doesn't mean they're guilty. We have numerous
- 3 cases where juries have convicted innocent people
- 4 multiple times. So the opinion of the jury is
- 5 irrelevant. It's the quality of the evidence. And so
- 6 it would depend what evidence the person was confronted
- 7 with. As in many, many, many cases, the person might
- 8 assert they were innocent before the trial and after
- 9 the wrongful conviction and maybe after the double or
- 10 triple wrongful conviction. So that mere fact that a
- 11 jury convicts is not dispositive of innocence or guilt
- 12 if one studies the history of wrongful convictions in
- 13 this country.
- 4 Q. My question is a little bit different. When
- 15 a suspect is recanting, only after trial at which he
- 16 has seen all of the other evidence that exists in the
- 17 case that is indicative of his guilt of that particular
- 18 crime, does that impact how someone in your position
- 19 analysis -- analyzes that recantation to determine
- 0 whether or not it could be reliable?
- 21 A. It may or may not, depending on the other
- 22 case facts. Sometimes there are cases where people
- 23 will say they privately recant it, and the state will
- 24 maintain there was no recantation. And so there may
- 25 even be a dispute about that. But, again, it just

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- 1 or unreliability of incriminating statements,
- 2 admissions, and or confessions.
- 3 Q. Does the timing of a recantation affect that 4 analysis?
- A. I don't believe so, no. You want to look at
- 6 the objective evidence, and the objective evidence
- 7 would help you evaluate whether or not that recantation
- 8 was likely reliable or unreliable.
- Q. If a witness recants their -- or strike that.
- 10 If a suspect recants his earlier confession only after
- 11 a trial where he's been confronted with all of the
- 12 other evidence in a particular case, does that impact
- 13 your analysis in determining whether or not the
- 14 recantation contains indicia of reliability?
- 15 A. It could, if I knew more about -- again, this
- 16 -- it's an incomplete hypothetical. What exactly was
- 17 the witness confronted with at trial? If there was
- 18 dispositive DNA evidence that the person committed the
- 19 crime, yeah, I -- I would say that -- that it -- it --
- 20 it -- it does affect my analysis of the likely
- 21 reliability of the recantation. On the other hand, if
- 22 it's just that there was a trial and somebody accused
- 23 the person and the person was convicted, then, no, that
- 24 doesn't affect my -- my evaluation. The -- American
- 25 history is replete with thousands and thousands of

- 1 depends. I would need more evidence than the mere fact
- of an after-jury-verdict recantation alleged.
- Q. I want to talk about, a little bit, what you
- 4 called "the error insertion trick." Did you see any
- 5 evidence of the error insertion trick in the statement
- 6 which Mr. Fulton provided to officers in connection
- 7 with the -- the Collazo murder?
- A. I don't recall. I went through, as I
- mentioned earlier, the police reports yesterday, and I
- 0 saw some of the statements again. And I know there
- 11 were some examples of error insertion, I think, in Mr.
- 12 Mitchell and Ms. Griffin's, but I just have to -- I
- 13 would have to look at that statement. If you want to
- put that statement up, I'm happy to tell you.
- 15 Q. It -- could the error insertion trick be used 16 to determine whether or not a suspect can read?
- 17 A. You're going to have to explain that one to 18 me.
- 19 Q. Could intentionally spelling a word wrong in
- 20 a particular statement or spelling a name wrong in a
- 21 particular statement be used by investigators to test
- 22 whether or not the suspect has the mental capacity to
- 23 read?
- 24 A. I -- I -- I suppose that's possible, but it
- 25 would seem kind of moronic to me to -- if you want to

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- 1 see whether somebody can read, you would presumably
- 2 want to give them an accurate rendition of something
- 3 and have them read it out loud, rather than follow
- 4 decades of police training and intentionally insert
- 5 errors so that following that training, you could
- 6 assert that the confession was voluntary and reliable
- because the suspect corrected the errors.
- Q. Could using the error insertion trick test
- the ability -- the cognitive ability of a suspect to
- read something and understand what he's reading?
- 11 A. I have never seen any police training or
- 12 anybody suggest that. It seems like that could be
- 13 possible, but it doesn't seem like it would be logical
- or likely, make any sense, or ever have been done in
- 15 the past.
- 16 Q. Does the error insertion trick, if not 17 passed, affect the reliability of a confession?
- 18 A. So I -- I just want to make sure I understood
- your question. I may have not heard a word or two.
- 20 "Does the error insertion trick affect the reliability
- of a confession?" Was that your question?
- 22 Q. No, it -- excuse me. Does the error
- 23 insertion trick, if not passed, affect the analysis of
- 24 the reliability of a confession?
- 25 A. I don't understand what you mean, "if not

- 1 sentence of number 2 on page 7?
- Q. Yeah. So let me read that full sentence, and
- 3 -- and just follow along with me. "According to John
- Fulton's description, his unrecorded interrogation on
- 5 May [sic] 18th to 21, 2003, was guilt-presumptive,
- confirmatory, and confession-driven." And my question
- is are those terms, "guilt-presumptive, confirmatory,
- and confession-driven," terms that Mr. Fulton used, or
- are those your terms?
- A. They're my terms. These are my opinions 10
- based on his description. 11
- Q. And, similarly, I want to direct your 12
- attention to page 8, number 11 here. Follow along with
- me. "According to Anthony Mitchell's description, his
- unrecorded interrogations on March 19th to 21, 2003,
- were -- was guilt-presumptive, confirmatory, and
- confession-driven." Are -- are those your terms, or
- are those terms that Mr. Anthony Mitchell used?
- 19 A. Yes, the -- this is -- these are my -- my
- 20 terms, my opinion based on his description.
- 21 Q. Okay. Looking at the bottom of page 28 here,
- 22 you will see I have my cursor here. Follow along with
- me. It reads, "I will apply the findings of this
- 24 empirical social science literature to John Fulton's
- 25 account of his interrogation on March 18th to the 21st,

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- 1 passed." It's not a test. Do you mean if not -- if it
- -- if it didn't happen, does it affect the reliability?
- Q. If an investigator spells a witness's name
- 4 intentionally wrong and the suspect does not notice, or
- 5 the suspect does not notice that it's a wrong name to
- 6 begin with, does that affect the reliability of that
- 7 witness's statement?
- A. In and of itself, no, it shouldn't. 3:10:13
- Q. Doctor, I'm showing you again what we marked
- as Exhibit 1, your report here. Just give me one
- moment. Doctor, in drafting your report, were you
- asked to make any factual assumptions?
- A. No, I wasn't asked to make any factual 13
- 14 assumptions.
- 15 Q. Okay. Did you assume that Mr. Fulton or Mr.
- Mitchell were innocent of the crimes accused?
- 17 A. I did not.

- 3.10.53
- Q. Excuse me. I want to direct your attention.
- I'm on page 7, number 2 here, where it starts,
- "According to John Fulton's description." And then it
- 21 goes on to say, "guilt-presumptive, confirmatory, and
- confession-driven." And -- and I'm curious, were those
- 23 his words, or are those your interpretation of what Mr.
- 24 Fulton's statement was?
- A. Are you -- are you referring to the first

- 1 2003, discuss the implications and concerns it raises,
- and offer my professional expert opinion." Did I read
- that correctly?
 - A. Yes. 3:13:25
- Q. Why not apply the empirical social science 5
- 6 literature to the account of CPD officers and the
- state's attorneys in this case?
- A. I believe I discussed that in the report, if
- you give me just a moment. Yeah. I mean, at the end
- 10 of -- at the end of the sections describing the three
- 11 accounts, the account by Mr. Fulton, Mr. Mitchell, and
- 12 Ms. Griffin, I had -- I -- I describe that I didn't --
- 13 I -- I -- my purpose wasn't to attempt to reconcile
- 14 these two accounts -- or the differing accounts. The 15 -- the accounts -- I did review materials where they
- 16 asserted their accounts, but the accounts that they
- 17 asserted, essentially, didn't really have much
- information in it. You know, "We brought them in. We
- accused them of some evidence. They confessed."
- 20 There's really not much to evaluate in the accounts of
- the officers and the ASAs. 21
- 22 Q. Doctor, I'm not asking you to make any
- determination about which is -- is true or not. What 23
- 24 I'm asking is your report seems to be written assuming
- 25 that the account of Mr. Fulton is accurate. And I'm

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Page 137 Page 139 1 wondering why not consider and include in your report 1 reliability for you to find that Mr. Fulton may have 2 been telling the truth? 2 an evaluation using the empirical social science, 3 assuming that the account of the CPD officers is 3 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 3:18:35 A. If we credit that -- their account, we still 4 accurate? 5 MS. RICKERT: Objection. He just answered 5 have risk factors for false confession. We still have 6 that question. 3:15:22 6 his age. We have the extraordinary length of the A. I'm -- I'm not assuming either account is 7 interrogation. And if Johnitta -- Johnitta Griffin is 8 true or false. I am saying, "If we credit this -- is telling the truth, then confronting him with that account, here's what follows." I didn't have a section 9 -- with her statement would be a false evidence ploy. 10 -- I described why I wasn't doing that, but I didn't 10 So we would still have risk factors for eliciting an 11 have a section saying, "If we credit their account, 11 unreliable statement. And it wouldn't -- it -- it 12 here is what follows." And, again, there is almost 12 wouldn't change the separate reliability -- indicia of 13 nothing to discuss. 13 reliability analysis that we have already gone through, 14 Q. If more individuals state that the account 14 all the discrepancies and facts that don't fit with his 15 that is made by the CPD officers of the -- how the 15 and Mr. Fulton's and Ms. Griffin's statements, which 16 interrogation of John Fulton proceeded, would that 16 are -- which are documented in multiple places in the 17 factor into your analysis about which account should be 17 report. 18 credited for purposes of your analysis? Q. One moment here. Directing your attention to 19 MS. RICKERT: Objection to form. 3:16:09 19 page 56 of Exhibit 1. Do you see where my cursor is 20 A. Well, it's not for me to determine which 20 here --21 account is more credible or less credible, but the --21 3:20:54 A. Yes. 22 the -- the number of police officers, if they outnumber 22. Q. -- on the screen? If you could just follow 23 the number of suspects, that -- that would not be the 23 along with me as I read aloud. "In the analysis that 24 way to do an analysis of the reliability of statements 24 follows, I indicate where [sic] I am relying on the 25 made in that -- in -- in that interrogation -- or 25 testimony of the Plaintiff to render my opinion. When Page 140 Page 138 1 there is no dispute of -- of -- when there is no 1 interrogations. 2 dispute of fact, I rely on the undisputed evidence to Q. If -- if you were to use your empirical support -- support my opinions." Did I read that 3 social science literature and apply it to the account correctly? 4 of the interview of John Fulton, as given by the CPD A. Yes. 5 officers, would that indicate to you that John Fulton Q. I'm curious why you relied on the testimony gave a truthful statement? of the Plaintiff to render your opinions and not the 7 MS. RICKERT: Objection to form and testimony of the officers. Can you explain that foundation. 3:17:10 discrepancy to me? A. Well, again, I'm -- I'm not evaluating 10 whether the statement is -- is true or false. Their MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. It 11 account of what occurred during the interrogation was, 11 says, "I indicate when I am relying on the testimony of 12 the Plaintiff." 12 essentially, that he was confronted with Johnitta 13 Griffin's statement, and then he confessed. And then 13 Q. Did you -- did you rely on the account of Mr. 14 he recanted, and then he was confronted again and 14 Mitchell's interview as recorded by the CPD officers? 15 confessed. And somewhere along the way, not initially 15 A. Only --16 mentioned in the reports, he allegedly spontaneously 16 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 3:21:53 17 confessed to Officer Bartik. That account is very bare 17 A. -- as I -- as I describe in the report, my 18 bones. One would expect there to be more in a analysis in the sections rely on Mr. Fulton's account, hundred-hour detention than that. If we ask about risk Mr. Mitchell's account, and Ms. Griffin's account, and 20 factors, there are still some risk factors in that 20 I'm very clear that I'm not making a credibility 21 account. But, again, I'm not making a credibility 21 assessment. "If we credit their account, here is what determination about whether it's true or false. 22 follows." I thought I already answered, you know, what 23 Q. If the account of the CPD investigators was 23 follows if we credit the officer's accounts, at least, 24 what you implied to your empirical social science 24 with respect to Mr. Fulton. 25 literature, would that account have the indicia of 25 Q. Do you know Mr. Fulton or Mr. Mitchell's

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Page 141 Page 143 1 psychiatric profile? 1 report? A. I do not recall. Q. Would you consider Mr. Fulton of average Q. If you saw something in the materials that 4 intelligence? you reviewed that Ms. Griffin suffered from a cognitive 5 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 3:22:47 disability, is that typically the information that you A. I -- I don't recall if I reviewed any would have included in your report? 7 documents that -- that discussed that. A. Yes. 3:25:11 Q. Similar for Mr. Mitchell, would you consider MR. MCCARTER: With that, at this time, I Mr. Mitchell of average intelligence? 9 have got no additional questions, subject to any A. Again, I don't believe I reviewed any 10 redirect that may become necessary. Thank you for your 11 documents that would allow me to answer that question. time, Doctor. WITNESS: Thank you. 3:26:13 12 O. Now, you did review documents that indicate 12 13 Mr. Fulton had ADHD, correct? **EXAMINATION** 13 A. I believe so, yes. 14 BY MR. GAINER: Q. Dr. Leo, are you able to hear me all right? 15 Q. In the documents you reviewed, you didn't see 15 A. I can hear you, yes. Thanks. 16 any other indication of any other learning disability? 16 A. I don't recall, as I sit here, whether I did 17 Q. Great. My name is Brian Gainer. I said 18 or did not. 18 earlier I represent some of the county -- or I 19 Q. You don't recall reviewing any material that represent the County Defendants in this case. Are you okay to keep going? You want to take a break? 20 indicate that Mr. Fulton had any other cognitive 21 A. If we could take a ten-minute break, that 21 disability? 22 would be ideal, if that's okay with people. 22 A. Correct. 3:23:42 23 Q. And in the materials you reviewed, nothing 23 MR. GAINER: That's perfectly fine. We will 24 see you at 3:37. I mean --24 indicated that Mr. Mitchell suffered from ADHD, 25 WITNESS: Okay. So --25 correct? Page 144 Page 142 A. Not that I recall, correct. 1 MR. GAINER: 3:37 my time. 2 WITNESS: I think you mean three --Q. Nothing indicated that Mr. Mitchell suffered 3 MR. GAINER: 1:37, right? 3 from any learning disability that you reviewed, 4 correct? 4 WITNESS: Can we do -- can we do 3:39 or 5 3:40? 5 A. Yeah, that -- not that I recall, correct. 6 MR. GAINER: Okay. 3:40. We will round it Q. Nothing indicated that Mr. Mitchell suffered off. We will see you at 3:40. from any cognitive disability in the material you 8 WITNESS: All right. reviewed, correct? 9 MR. GAINER: So 1:40 where you are. A. Not that I recall. 10 WITNESS: Thank you so much. Q. Similar with the -- the witness, nothing in 11 the material you reviewed indicated that Ms. Griffin 11 MR. GAINER: Yep. 12 RECORDER: Off record, 3:29 p.m. 12 suffered from ADHD, correct? 13 (Off the record) 13 A. Not that I recall. 14 14 Q. Nothing in the material you reviewed RECORDER: Back on record, 3:40 p.m. 3:27:01 15 indicated that Ms. -- Ms. Griffin suffered from any 15 Q. All right. Dr. Leo, as I said, my name is 16 learning disability, correct? 16 Brian Gainer. I have a couple questions for you, not 17 17 many, about the clients I represent. One of the A. Not that I recall. 3:24:32 18 clients I represent in this case is named Eugene 18 Q. Nothing in the material you reviewed 19 Shepherd. Do you know that name in the context of this indicated that Ms. Mitchell -- excuse me -- Ms. Griffin 20 suffered from any cognitive disability, correct? 21 21 A. Not that I recall, correct. A. I don't recall off the top of my head Eugene 22 Q. If you would have seen something in any of 22 Shepherd. 23 23 the material that you reviewed that indicated that Mr. Q. Okay. I -- it looks like you're looking down 24 Mitchell suffered from a cognitive disability, is that 24 at something. Are you looking at your report? something that you would typically include in your 25 A. Yeah, I'm just looking at -- I'm just looking

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Page 145 Page 147 1 right? 1 at my report, yeah. 2 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation. 3:29:57 Q. All right. Well, I -- that's going to lead 3 me to my next question, which is Eugene Shepherd is not 3 A. Yeah, I'm going to need you to tell me a 4 mentioned anywhere in your report, would you agree with 4 little bit more to answer that question. 5 Q. Well, at -- well, before I do that -- and I that? A. To the best of my recollection, yes. will do that. As you sit here now, is there any 6 7 Q. Okay. Great. Another person I represent in portion, based on your analysis of Johnitta Griffin's this case is named Andrew Varga. Do you know that name statement to the police, that you believe to be true? A. I would have to go through the statement. If in the context of this case? 10 A. Without having my recollection refreshed, no. 10 you're referring to the final product of the 11 Q. All right. Andrew Varga -- the name "Andrew 11 interrogation, the written or summarized statement -- I 12 think it's -- I think it was written by an ASA, if I 12 Varga" or "Varga" is not referred to anywhere in your 13 report. Would you agree with that statement? 13 recall correctly, but I -- I just would need to review A. To the best of my recollection, yes. 3:28:07 14 that document in order to answer the question. 15 Q. Great. On page 7 of your report -- you --15 Q. Okay. Fair enough. Let me ask you a 16 you, obviously, still have it there in front of you? 16 slightly different question. The answer might be the 17 same, but I -- I want to replace the word "true" with 18 Q. This came up briefly at the outset of your 18 "reliable," okay? Based on -- sitting here now, are 19 deposition. On page 7 of your report, the first full 19 you aware, based on everything you reviewed and sentence, you indicate that "A full analysis of Antonio 20 analyzed, that there is a portion of Johnitta Griffin's 21 Shaw's inculpatory statement was not conducted for this 21 statement to the police that is reliable? 22 report." Did you -- do you see that sentence? A. There may be, but I have to review the 23 A. Yes. 23 document to answer the question. 24 Q. All right. And that's true, right? 24 Q. All right. Do you recall Johnitta Griffin 25 A. Correct. 25 telling the police and then the ASA, as you identified, Page 146 Page 148 Q. On pages 2 through 6 of your report, there's 1 about a robbery involving the victim of this murder and a list of materials you were asked about at the outset 2 John Fulton? 3 of your deposition. I -- I'm -- it's possible you were 3 A. Yes. 3:31:20 4 asked this question already. I apologize if you were. Q. Okay. And is that portion of her statement 5 Is that the entire list of materials you reviewed in 5 involving the robbery -- is that something that you your analysis of this case? reviewed in preparation for your report and for your deposition here today? 7 A. Unless I made a mistake, yes. I believe that it's a full and accurate list of the materials I A. Yes. reviewed. Q. Now, do you recall John Fulton talking about Q. Okay. Great. Thank you. Talking a little 10 that robbery in his deposition? 10 bit about Johnitta Griffin, do you recall what her 11 A. I believe so. Q. Okay. And do you recall John Fulton nickname was? A. "Precious." 13 acknowledging that the robbery, as described by Ms. 13 3:29:12 14 Q. Right. So if I -- if I say "Precious," Griffin in her statement, happened? 15 that's who I'm referring to, Johnitta Griffin. It's 15 A. Yes. Q. All right. So that returns me -- or brings been used interchangeably in this case. My understanding of your report and your testimony today 17 me back to my initial question. Would you agree with is that there were -- or there is or was substantial me that a portion of Johnitta Griffin's statement to the police about John Fulton and Christopher Collazo indicia of unreliability in the statement that Johnitta and the robbery was true? 20 Griffin gave to the police in conjunction with this 21 A. Again, I would want to review it. I thought 21 investigation. Am I paraphrasing that accurately? 22 A. Yes. 22 that that statement was made in the March 11th

Q. All right. But we do know now that there

that Johnitta Griffin gave to the police that was true,

24 were -- there's a substantial portion of the statement

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23 interview, the first one. I don't recall if,

specifically, it was in the statement that was the

25 product of the March 13th interrogation, but if it --

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Page 149 Page 151 1 or is your memory refreshed? 1 if it is there, then I would agree that -- that that 2 seems to be undisputed and corroborated by all other A. Well, I don't -- I don't -- yeah, I mean, I 3 -- I guess it depends on the question, but maybe I don't need to keep going, depending on your question. 4 Q. Okay. Stand by for one second. I'm going to Q. Okay. So -- so we will start with the 5 try to share my screen. All right. What -- are you 6 able to see the -- the --6 question. Would you agree with me that this statement that Johnitta Griffin gave to the police includes A. Yes. 3:32:55 8 Q. -- handwritten statement of Johnitta Griffin information about the gun transaction between -- or the -- the -- the proposed gun transaction between John on your screen? 10 Fulton and Christopher Collazo and then the ultimate A. Yes. 10 11 robbery? 11 O. Okav. 12 12 A. Yes. A. Yes. Thank you. 13 O. So -- so just for the record, this is SAO 73 13 Q. All right. And so I'm going to stop sharing 14 through SAO 89. All right. Is this the -- the -- I 14 that. I can throw it back up if you want me to. I think you said the "end product" or the "product of the don't have any specific questions about the content, 16 but, you know, if you need to look at it, that's --16 interrogation." Is this the statement you were 17 referring to? 17 18 Q. -- perfectly fine. So as we have established A. Yes. 18 Q. All right. And -- and this is something that 19 from my previous questions, John Fulton acknowledged in 19 his deposition that this proposed gun transaction and 20 you reviewed during the course of your analysis of this 21 robbery actually happened, right? 21 case? 22 A. Yes. 22 A. Yes. Q. Okay. I'm going to try to get you to the 23 Q. And in his deposition he gave a number of 23 24 portion of this statement that talks about the robbery. 24 descriptive details about what happened during the 25 Okay. So I'm on page 74 of the Bates stamp where it 25 robbery. Do you remember that? Page 150 Page 152 1 says, "Lu asked Precious if she knew someone who could A. Generally, yes. 2 sell Lu a gun because Lu had gotten in trouble and Q. Okay. So were the -- because this robbery someone was after him." Do you see that? story is a portion of Johnitta Griffin's statement to A. Yes. 4 the police and you have opined that this statement Q. All right. So I think that's the beginning contains substantial indicia of unreliability, my first 6 of the portion of this statement that discusses the -question is does that portion of the statement contain 7 the gun transaction and the robbery. So I can scroll the substantial indicia of unreliability, despite the 8 down here, if you would like, to read this. Tell me fact that it's true? 9 when you want me to move it, or tell me when your A. Sorry. No, I was referring to the portion of 10 memory is refreshed about whether this statement the statement that implicates Mr. Fulton and Mr. 11 contains information in and about the gun transaction Mitchell and some of the surrounding details around 12 and the robbery. 12 that in the murder of Mr. Collazo, not the gun 13 transaction that no one disputes. 13 A. Okay. 14 Q. Okay. You want me to go down, or -- or -- or 14 Q. Okay. My understanding of what the -- the 15 indicia of unreliability is -- and I could be wrong 15 do you want to keep reading? A. Yeah, yeah, sure. 16 about this. This is just based on my reading of your 16 report -- is that, at least some of those things are 17 Q. Okay. related to the conditions under which Ms. Griffin was 18 A. You can go -- you can go down. Thanks. questioned, am I saying that correctly? 19 Q. All right.

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would like.

Q. All right. So I will -- I will go to the end

Q. All right. Do you want to keep going, or --

22 of this page here, and then we can move on, if you

A. Okay. Keep going. Okay.

A. I don't think so. What I -- I -- what -- I

indicia of unreliability has to do with the extrinsic

evidence and whether that corroborates or fails to

25 independently provides or fails to provide during the

corroborate the statements and -- and what the suspect

guess, what I was trying to communicate is that the

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- 1 interrogation, whereas the -- what happened during the
- 2 interrogation goes to techniques and risk factors for
- 3 making or agreeing to an unreliable statement. So the
- 4 indicia of unreliability is -- is -- is all the
- 5 evidence that casts down on the reliability of the
- 6 statements implicating Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Fulton.
- 7 What occurred in each of these interrogation goes to
- 8 risk factors for false accusation or false confession
- and explanations for how and why somebody would have
- 10 made a false accusation or a false confession in
- response to that type of interrogation.
- 12 Q. Okay. So, I guess, maybe, that -- where I
- 13 got tripped up was the difference between indicia of
- 14 unreliability and risk factors. So the -- the risk
- 15 factors for Johnitta Griffin were things like -- I
- 16 wrote it down somewhere, but I can't quite find that
- 17 note, but one of the things would be her age, according
- 18 to your report, right?
- 19 A. Correct.

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- Q. And I thought I saw something that said 20
- 21 "psychosocial" -- give me a minute. Let me see if I
- 22 can find it. Well, in any event, what were the other
- 23 -- what are the other risk factors that you found that
- 24 exist as they relate to Ms. Griffin and -- during the
- 25 time she was questioned?

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- 1 They were not trying to change her account in her
- 2 description of that. They were pressuring her to
- 3 change her account of other things.
 - Q. Well, we know that now, but -- but the
- 5 officers -- I mean, the officers were just getting the
- story about the gun transaction and the robbery and
- then -- and then listening to it and dealing with it,
- right? We know now it's not a disputed fact, but they
- didn't --

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10 MS. RICKERT: Objection --

- 11 Q. -- know it then?
 - MS. RICKERT: -- to foundation.

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- A. I think if we credit their account, that is
- 14 accurate, but they had information prior to her
- interrogation about this gun transaction for Marcus
- 16 Marinelli.
- 17 Q. That's true. They did. I guess what I'm
- 18 trying to get at in sort of a ham-handed way is, you
- 19 know, we have these risk factors that exist while --
- 20 according to your report, while Johnitta Griffin is
- 21 being questioned, and, at least, a portion of the
- product that results from this interrogation is true,
- 23 right?
- 24 A. Yeah. So a portion is true, and, to my
- 25 knowledge, was never disputed.

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- A. Yeah. So we distinguish between personal
- 2 risk factors and situational risk factors. Personal
- 3 risk factors have to do with personality, like
- 4 somebody's age and their associated psychosocial
- 5 immaturity, which is what I think you were reaching
- 6 for. And then situational risk factors have to do with
- 7 the interrogation environment or techniques. So the
- risk factors in her interrogation would be -- a
- personal risk factor would be her age, 17. The situational risk factors would be the length of the
- 11 custody and interrogation, 13 hours, the -- if we
- 12 credit her account -- right? -- the -- the promises and
- 13 threats that she describes, the false evidence ploys or
- 14 lies about evidence. Yeah. That would be it.
- 15 Q. Okay. 3:41:16
- 16 A. I think I also said there was a
- guilt-presumptive bias or rush to judgment. So all of
- this is laid out on pages -- in her case, if we credit
- her account, from page 69 to page, essentially, 72 of
- 20 the report. 21 Q. All right. And those risk factors that you
- 22 just described, those existed while Johnitta Griffin 23 was telling the police officers and the ASAs the truth
- about this gun transaction and robbery, right?
- A. Correct, but that was not a disputed fact.

- Q. And that's actually the same -- the same
- analysis that I just described can be applied to John
- Fulton's statement to the police, isn't that accurate?
 - A. Yeah, that there are -- there are some
- 5 undisputed facts that he was not interrogated about and
- that she was not interrogated about that are truthful
- that don't go to the elements of any crime.
- Q. Well, it's -- but -- but it's motive for
- murder, wouldn't you agree?
- 10 MS. RICKERT: Objection to form and
- 11 foundation.

- A. It could be, if there was any evidence 12
- supporting that, yes. 13
 - Q. Yeah. So --
- 15 A. In theory, it could be.
- Q. Let me say that a different way. I mean, 16
- it's potential evidence of motive for murder, this
- story about the gun transaction and the robbery,
- 19 correct?

- 20 A. Potentially, yes, but I just didn't see any
- 21 evidence supporting that in this case. But, in theory,
- 22 yes. O. And so I just want to make sure. The reason 23
- 24 I bring that up is because you're talking about the
- 25 fact that these were undisputed facts. And I want to

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- 1 make sure you're not saying that that portion of these
- 2 statements wasn't important to the investigators, based
- 3 on your analysis.
- A. Well, it -- it may have been important to the
- 5 investigators, but it -- it -- it wasn't --
- 6 interrogation is about moving somebody from denial to
- 7 admission, and I don't think that statement was ever
- 8 challenged in any of the accounts. It wasn't denied.
- 9 It wasn't disputed. And so the interrogation
- 10 techniques that I described, the risk factors, weren't
- 11 really applied to that statement. They were applied to
- 12 denials that Ms. Griffin made -- or -- or a different
- 13 account that Ms. Griffin made than the one in her
- 14 telling that the investigators were looking for.
- Q. Okay. So it sounds to me -- and I'm not
- 16 trying to be flippant here, but it sounds to me like
- 17 you're saying that the risk factors that existed when
- 18 Ms. Griffin and Fulton were interrogated matter when
- 19 we're talking about inculpatory statements about the
- 20 murder, but don't matter when we're talking about the
- 21 stuff we know that is true?
- 22 MS. RICKERT: Objection to foundation.

A. The risk factors -- the risk factors matter

3 elicit admissions. They don't matter with respect to

undisputed facts that are -- no one disagrees with.

6 on this, John Fulton, in his statement to the police in

insofar as police are trying to break down denials and

Q. Okay. In any event, just to close the loop

which he confessed to the murder, did tell the truth to

them about this gun transaction and robbery, based on

A. Well, I don't want to be in the position of

11 saying, "I know the truth," but I would say that that's

12 an undisputed fact, and, therefore -- and it appears to

13 be corroborated. So I have no reason to doubt that 14 it's an accurate and reliable statement, but I -- you

15 know, it's not for me to say what statements are true

Q. That's -- that's fair. I -- I -- so

18 maybe a better way to say it is in his deposition, he

19 confirmed that the portion of his statement to the police about the robbery and the gun transaction

- 23 A. I -- I think I would phrase it slightly
- 24 differently.

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or not true.

25 Q. How would you --

what we know now, right?

A. Yeah, it -- my -- okay. I -- you know, I

- 2 read the deposition for the -- for the report but not
- for today's testimony, but my recollection is he said
- that was accurate --
 - Q. Okay. And Anthony --
 - A. -- in the deposition.
- Q. Sorry. I didn't mean to cut you off. And
- Anthony Mitchell, he gave statements to the police and
- to prosecutors about the gun transaction and robbery
- also, didn't he?
- 11 A. I -- are you talking about his deposition?
- 12 Q. No, no, no, I'm sorry. I'm talking about
- during the course of the investigation, Anthony
- Mitchell gave statements to the police and the
- prosecutors about this proposed gun transaction and the
- 16 robbery involving Christopher Collazo, is that correct?
 - A. I believe so.
 - Q. Okay.

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- A. I -- I would -- I would want to make sure I'm 19
 - remembering that correctly, but I believe that's --
- 21 that's mentioned in the police reports.
 - O. Okay. And we know now, after taking and you
- 23 reading Mr. Mitchell's deposition testimony and Mr.
- 24 Fulton's deposition testimony, that they have confirmed
- 25 that the robbery and proposed gun transaction happened,

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1 right?

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A. They're -- yeah, they're all testifying consistently, to the best of my knowledge, about that.

Q. Okay. Does the fact that portions -- that

they have confirmed that portions of their statement to

- the police during the course of this investigation were
- true or that they actually happened -- does the fact
- that -- that they have confirmed that have any effect
- on your analysis with regard to the remainder of their
- 10 statements to the police and to the state's attorneys?
- A. No, because, again, the -- the -- the --11
- those statements aren't in dispute, and so they weren't
- really subject to interrogation. All false confessions
- usually have some background facts that are accurate,
- starting with the names of the defendants or the
- suspects and -- and, maybe, including aspects of the
- crime or prior crime. So no one is saying that every
- single word in the statement is false. It's the 18
- statements that are inculpatory or incriminating that
- are initially denied that are then the product of
- 21 interrogations with these risk factors that are really
- 22 the subject of the analysis.
- Q. So is -- is the key that the statements --23
- 24 these specific statements about the gun transaction and
- 25 the robbery -- the key is that they weren't initially
- 22 MS. RICKERT: Objection. This has been asked 23 and answered repeatedly.
- MR. GAINER: No, it hasn't.

actually happened, right?

- 3:47:01
- 25 O. Go ahead. You can answer.

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1	denied. Is that the is that what in terms of	1	Q. Okay. Did you offer any opinion as to the
2	evaluating the statements in their either truth or	2	training the City of Chicago provides to its police
3	falsity?	3	officers with respect to interrogation?
4	MS. RICKERT: Objection to form.	4	A. I'm just reviewing my report very briefly. I
5	A. Yes. 3:50:07	5	did not offer any specific opinions about the City of
6	WITNESS: Sorry.	6	Chicago training to its police officers, that I recall.
7	A. The the techniques of interrogation were	-	I don't see any in the report.
8	not applied to that statement, the risk factor	8	Q. Did you offer any opinion regarding the City
9	techniques, because that statement was was was	9	of Chicago's policies with respect to interrogation?
10	never denied or disputed. It's a background fact that	10	A. Not that I recall, no. I don't believe I
11	everybody agrees on.	11	did. 3:53:18
12	Q. So a statement that provides potential motive	12	MS. ISAAC: That's all my questions. Thank
13	evidence for this murder, based on what you're saying,	13	you, Dr. Leo.
13	is, in this case, a background fact?	14	MS. RICKERT: I don't have any questions.
	A. I'm using that term "background fact" because	15	MR. MCCARTER: And I have no follow up.
15 16	it my understanding, from all the accounts, is that	16	MR. GAINER: I don't have anything else. So
	it wasn't a subject of the interrogation. Usually,	17	we're good.
17	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	18	RECORDER: Would you like to
18	interrogations involve accusations and then attacks or	19	WITNESS: Okay. So
19	challenges on denials and then a variety of techniques to elicit or induce an admission or a confession. And	20	RECORDER: reserve or
20		21	WITNESS: Sorry.
21	that statement that you're describing as potential		RECORDER: waive your signature?
22	motive evidence was not the subject of any of those	22 23	MS. RICKERT: I think we will reserve.
23	techniques. That's why I'm referring to it as a		
24	background fact.	24	RECORDER: Off record, 4:07 p.m.
25	Q. Okay. Do you remember, as you sit here now,	25	
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1	what Fulton said about how this robbery occurred?	1	CERTIFICATION
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